

**THE ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

Members in Attendance: Margo Freeman, Skip Branin, Jill Chatham, Patricia Jeffs, Donna Lutton

Special Attendee: Jean Thompson, Head of School

Public in Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM and the motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Foundation Report: Ms. Freeman reported that the upcoming golf tournament fundraiser is almost sold out.

At this point, approximately \$2.1 million is pledged for the Foundation's endowment campaign.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Branin reported on the following items:

1. The Island School is running close to budget.
2. The revised budget reflects several changes:
 - a. \$2000 for flood insurance
 - b. Amount of FTE funds from \$393,000 to \$380,000 (number of students revised from 57 to 55)
 - c. Salaries and benefits from \$566,000 to \$478,303
 - d. The operating budget is showing a surplus of \$19,000 due to an additional paraprofessional not being hired.

The revised budget was voted on, approved and seconded.

3. The auditors report for the period ending June 2015 was accepted, voted on, approved and seconded.

President's Report: Ms. Freeman proposed a new board member (Leslie Barrett) to fill the seat vacated by Jen Campbell. Ms. Barrett's acceptance was voted on, seconded and passed.

Copies of The Island School Conflicts of Interest policy was read and signed by those board members present. The policy was voted on, approved, seconded, signed by the President and given to Ms. Thompson.

Head of School Report: Ms. Thompson passed out copies of the charter school application/renewal, updated copies of the school bylaws, board meeting schedule for this year and board of directors contact information.

Ms. Thompson reported on the following items:

1. As of this date, the Island School has 53 students
2. Certification of teachers (Nikki has 2nd certification & JT will be taking courses for his additional certification)
3. Several guest speakers of the Friends of Boca Grande will come to school to speak to students.
4. The 5th grade students will be attending all History Byte presentations given by the BG Historical Society during the month of February.
5. The garden is coming along under the supervision of Maureen Ruetters and Woody from Horticultural Design. Clearing of the site has begun with help from the BG Community Center workers.
6. Royal Palm Players have been working with students on improvisation at a weekly drama club. A play will possibly be put on at the end of the year.

7. The teaching of manuscript/cursive writing is back in program (part of the Barbara Wilson study).
8. Students in Grades 3-5 scheduled to visit Useppa Island on 12/4 and take a tour of the museum.
9. Robotics-during the school day (gifted time) and possibly after school.
10. The PTO is hosting its second chowder dinner on 1/23.
11. The Island School students have been asked to sing at the Woman's Club Christmas tree lighting on 12/6.
12. The Island School Winter Show will be held on 12/11 at 5:30PM

The meeting was adjourned at 5PM.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held January 14, 2016 at 3:30

Happy Holidays to all!

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lutton, Island School Secretary