

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chairperson Suzanne Rugh. Present: School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Jeff Putnam, Beverly Johnson, Steven Todd and Jen Belesca (excused late); and school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jeff Putnam to approve the agenda as written, with one addition under New Business: Spanish Teacher Appointment. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Steven Todd and seconded by Jeff Putnam to approve the October 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Rugh). A motion was made by Steven Todd and seconded by Jeff Putnam to approve the October 4, 2016 workshop meeting minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence

Mike Pulsifer shared an email he received from Laurie Hegarty asking the School Committee to consider renegotiating the Yarmouth 6-12 education contract. He informed the SC that the contract does not expire until June 2021. The email was read by the SC.

Public Comment

None.

Reports

School Committee Chair: None

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer reported that he and the CIS staff attended the 2016 Island Institute conference held in Belfast on October 13 and 14. It was a very productive conference, and everyone gained valuable information that will help educate our children. He also updated the SC that we will be offering an after school violin program beginning soon. It will be taught by Jeanie Wester and she will be paid using REAP grant funds offered to small remote schools. And finally, he updated the SC that we have one more student coming from the mainland to attend CIS, and she will be in grade 5. As in the past, the SC agreed to pay for her ferry transportation costs.

Old Business

CIS Renovation: Mike updated the SC on the bids he received so far to do survey work for them. He is still hoping to get a better price, and will keep the SC updated on this process. Nick Adams, the CI Code Enforcement Officer is meeting with Mike later this week and he could have more information on this survey process as well.

David Brunner will be in attendance at the next SC meeting on November 1st, and he should have some estimates on renovations costs that the SC would need to consider and have some updated renovation suggestions for the SC to look at for our school.

A brief discussion was held on our last workshop with the BoS and CRC Board, and it was agreed that we should invite them to a second workshop in mid-November to continue the conversation and to continue to impress upon them our need for renovations to the school. The SC suggested to offer a date of November 15th at 6:15 pm for that workshop, and Mike will pass that information on to the Town Manager and RC Director for their Boards. The regular SC meeting will be held at 5:00 pm that night before the workshop.

New Business

Substitute Teacher Pay: Mike informed the SC that we have had some difficulty getting subs. We currently pay our subs \$15 an hour for short jobs, \$35 for a half day (3.5 hours), and \$70 a full day (7 hours). He suggested we keep the hourly rate at \$15, but increase the half day rate to \$45 and the full day rate to \$90 in an effort to draw more interest in our substitute needs. The consensus of the SC was to have Mike make that increase change.

First Reading of Policies: A motion was made by Jeff Putnam and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve policy KF Community Use of School Facilities, with some small changes, as a first reading. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jeff Putnam to approve policy KF-E1 Facility Use Request Form as a first reading. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jeff Putnam to approve policy EBCC-E1 Bomb Threat Checklist as a first reading. The motion passed 5-0.

Spanish Teacher Appointment: A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jeff Putnam to appoint Celia Whitehead as the CIS Spanish teacher for the 2016-17 school year. The motion passed 5-0.

Other Business

Warrant #6 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for the warrant.

Adjournment

Suzanne Rugh motioned and Beverly Johnson seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:17 pm. The motion passed 5-0.