

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes

April 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by the School Committee Chairperson, Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Leah Guay, Jen Belesca, and Carol White and Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick. Others in attendance were Meredith Beaupre, Polly Wentworth, Nancy Earnest, Beverly Johnson and Geoff Summa.

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Leah Guay to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from March 9, 2021- A motion was made by Jen Belesca to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021, Seconded by Leah Guay. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from the Budget Workshop with the Town SelectBoard on March 23, 2021. A motion was made by Leah Guay, Seconded by Carol White. Motion passed 4-0-0

Correspondence- School Committee received an email from Steve Auffant regarding the discussion at the last meeting about programs for students. Both Ann and Jeff responded and apologized for the discussion moving away from school.

The school received a donation from Schwab Charitable on behalf of Jeffery Dreyer in memory of Darlene Eyster, MD. Thank you note has been sent.

Beverly Johnson has asked about storage for the recordings of the School Committee Meetings. This will be addressed and information shared.

Public Comment -none

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam informed the meeting that the Town Meeting will be in person on the Ball Field on Saturday, June 12, 2021

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick shared that the school teachers and staff were very appreciative of the remote day on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Mary Holt submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Mary has worked with the students for 14 years. It is with regret that this letter is accepted. The School Committee and staff appreciate and thank Mary for her work with the children and families of Chebeague Island School.

The remainder of the payments of the use of the Library and Recreation Center will be made after vacation.

Old Business

The arrangement for transporting the middle and high school students on the low tide date of Thursday, April 29 and Friday, May 30, the CTC boat will be leaving from Chandlers Wharf at 6:40AM arriving at Cousins Island at 7:20AM and returning with the school staff to Chandlers Wharf. Notice will go out to the parents at the beginning of the week.

New Business

The discussion of the program to purchase an electric vehicle was tabled.

The Building and Grounds Committee was recognized as Ann Kirkpatrick, Jeff Putnam Polly Wentworth, Nancy Earnest. Topics to take up are brown tail moths, trees on the fence, dead trees between the school and recreation center and the requests for memorials.

There was a discussion about the need for cameras on the school bus. When the staff take students in the van there are two adults for child safety and driver accountability. Buses on the mainland have cameras (Yarmouth). The benefits of the camera are being able to see the students and driver and hear their words, it tracks the speed of the bus, and the video of the recording is in the unit. The cost of installing the camera is \$3700 and will be paid for in the transportation line. A motion was made by Leah Guay to install the video camera on the bus, seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 4-0-0.

It was recommended that parents be notified of the installation of the bus camera.

Other Business

When there will be a warrant to sign the Town Office will call.

Adjournment at 7:31 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent