

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Jeff Putnam. Present: School Committee members Jeff Putnam, Courtney Doughty and Jen Belesca; school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer; and guest Bob Earnest.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Courtney Doughty to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Courtney Doughty and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve the School Committee meeting minutes of July 3, 2018 as written. The motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Reports

School Committee Chair: None

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer shared that at some point the School Department may have to hire a district physician. He will be checking in on that.

Old Business

School Renovation: Architect David Brunner was in attendance, and he informed the School Committee that the renovation is moving along nicely. Two meetings have been held so far to give updates, on July 10 and July 17, and David shared those meeting results with the School Committee. David also shared some cost projections if the SC was required to redo the bathrooms at school.

Student Numbers and Class Sizes for 2018/19: At this time there is only one student enrolled for Pre-Kindergarten next year, and as such, the School Committee deliberated how to best address that situation. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Courtney Doughty to combine the Pre-Kindergarten student with the K-2 program for the 2018/19 school year and to not offer a teaching contract to the Pre-Kindergarten teacher for 2018/19 due to a change in local conditions. The motion passed 3-0. Further discussion set parameters for the

Pre-Kindergarten teacher for the school year that the Superintendent will discuss with the teacher and get back to the School Committee at a later meeting.

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding with the Chebeague Recreation Center: As the School Department will be using rooms and space at the Chebeague Recreation Center during the renovation, a draft Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed. After deliberation, a motion was made by Courtney Doughty and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve the MOU. The motion passed 3-0.

2018/19 School Calendar and Workshop Day Request: Mike Pulsifer shared a change in the 2018/19 school calendar that he and the staff would like the School Committee to consider. He would like to add a workshop day on November 2nd so the staff could attend a Lives in the Balance workshop in Portland that aligns with our recent school efforts with Collaborative and Productive Solutions that was founded by Dr. Ross Greene. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Courtney Doughty to change the school calendar to create a teacher workshop day on November 2nd. The motion passed 3-0. With that change, the school calendar has 175 student days and 183 teacher days. Without including any possible snow days, the last student day will be an early release day on June 12th and the last teacher day will be a workshop day on June 13th.

Other Business

Warrant # 1 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for it.

Adjournment

Courtney Doughty motioned and Jen Belesca seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:28 pm. The motion passed 3-0.