

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes  
December 1, 2020  
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, Suzanne Rugh, and Jen Belesca and Carol White. School staff present were Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, Nancy Ernest, Sarah Klein and Beverly Johnson. Others in attendance were Vika and Justin Poirer; Town Manager.

**Approval of Agenda-** A motion was made by Leah Guay to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Carol White. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Minutes from November 3, 2020-** A motion was made by Carol White to approve the November 3, 2020 School Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Minutes from November 17, 2020-** A motion was made by Jen Belesca to approve the November 17, 2020 School Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 4-0-1 (sr).

**Correspondence-** none

**Public Comment-** Vika spoke about the Christmas Tree and Poinsettia Fundraiser for the school. They have doubled the sales from last year! The trees and flowers will be available at the school December 4-6 for pick up. Preorders are necessary.

**Reports**

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam told the School Committee from his experience that the remote Parent- Teacher Conferences went well.

He will invite students who went to Yarmouth this fall to the next School Committee meeting to speak about the transition.

Jeff announced that there are only 5 more tide charts for the 2020 year!

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick told the School Committee that the Governor has put into place additional advice for schools in an effort to keep students safe. Examples are floor markings for the 6 foot distance, outside mask breaks with no moving, and adults monitoring the halls for ease of directional flow of people. CIS has been doing all new recommendations from the beginning of the school year.

We are working on a digital newsletter to come out before the holiday break!

On Monday, December 14, 2020 the CTC will not be running the 3:45 or 4:45 boats due to the low tides. It is recommended that CIS dismiss at 1:30 so the teacher can ride on the 2:10 boat. The Middle School and High School students will not be affected by this cancelation.

### **Old Business**

At the last meeting there was a report from Pine State Heating regarding the repair of our oil tank and furnace. When the building was rebuilt in 2018/19, the School Committee was aware that the furnace was old but still functional. They made the decision to not replace it during the renovation but start saving in the capital reserve for this project. That plan will continue. The oil tank was reported to be old and leaking by Pine State Heating. The School Committee asked for a second opinion. It was determined that the oil on the outside of the tank on the top was due to filling the tank. There was no evidence of rust or other compromise to the tank anywhere on the tank. Where the oil leaves the tank needs a better fitting was the only repair that was noted. As an additional precautionary measure, there will be an absorbent pad placed under the oil tank to reassure no leaking is occurring.

### **New Business**

The School Committee welcomed Chebeague Island's new town manager, Justin Poirer to the meeting. All inattendance introduced themselves to Mr. Poirer. We learned that he lives in the Augusta area and will be commuting to the island daily.

### **Other Business**

Signing of the school warrant at the town office.

Adjournment at 6:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent