

Chebeague Island School Committee
Policy Committee- at the Chebeague Island School
February 8, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Present: School Committee Chair Suzanne Rugh, Jeff Putnam, Geoff Summa (5:44) and Ann Kirkpatrick.

The committee reviewed Policy BCC- Nepotism. The committee made suggestions and changes that would be relevant and fit the needs of the Chebeague Island School community. It will be in second reading at the School Committee meeting this evening.

The committee reviewed CBI - Evaluation of the Superintendent. The committee made suggestions of edits and deletions. Superintendent will make changes and bring it to the March School Committee meeting for first reading.

Ann Kirkpatrick will send out a clean copy with the changes to the School Committee for review and first reading at the next meeting.

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Regular Meeting Minutes- at the Chebeague Island School
February 8, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the School Committee Chair Suzanne Rugh. School Committee members in attendance were Jeff Putnam, Geoff Summa, Emily Short, Courtney Doughty. Others in attendance were Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick, Polly Wentworth, Sarah Klein and Nancy Earnest.

Approval of Agenda for February 8, 2022- A motion was made by Jeff Putnam to move New Business; recommendation of School Committee Members to the top of the agenda. Seconded by Emily Short. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from January 11, 202- The School Committee Chair tabled the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

Notes from the January 18, 2022 School Committee Budget Workshop- A motion was made by Jeff Putnam to approve the notes as written. Seconded by Emily Short. Motion passed 4-0-1 (cd)

Correspondence- The School Committee received a letter from Drummond Woodsum describing their fee schedule for the 2022 year.

The school staff received application information from Recompense. There is a committee that will help with applications and give writing suggestions.

There were three requests for School Committee meetings to be on ZOOM.

There was an email from Erika Neumann asking for clarification on school cancellation notifications.

There was an update on the interview process for a bookkeeper. There was a candidate, but has since pulled their application.

Public Comment - None

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Suzanne Rugh made a motion to nominate Jeff Putnam as the Vice Chair of the School Committee. Courtney Doughty seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick updated the School Committee with the progress interviewing for the early elementary position. We hope to have a candidate to bring to the School Committee in March.

The Superintendent shared the most updated Covid Protocols the Chebeague Island follows. She reminded the School Committee because it has to do with an individual's health there is not a notice that goes out to all families. Instead, because of the size of the school the administration works with individuals and families. A copy of this document will go home this week with the students.

Leah Guay has received a copy of the teacher's contract. She hopes to set up a meeting with School Committee members that will be negotiating next week.

Tomorrow's after school program will be the 3-D printer. All the students signed up to participate in learning more about this technology. Anja Haubs will be the teacher.

We have received a donation from an anonymous donor to fund lunch for all the students from February 1 through the end of the school year. In addition, the Superintendent will be working with the DOE around the lunch program.

LeadTeacher- Last week the students and teachers celebrated the Lunar New Year with special meals and cultural activities.

The students are enjoying their book clubs with other students living on islands off the coast of Maine. All students kindergarten through fourth grade are in a book group! They really look forward to these Zoom connections.

PreK and kindergarten students and teachers are learning American Sign Language and adding phonemic awareness with the fine motor skills of signing. Nancy gave a demonstration!

The School Newsletter was a topic regarding the timeliness of the news and when it goes to print. There will be a discussion and a recommendation brought back to the School Committee.

New Business

A draft of the 2022-2023 school calendar was shared with the School Committee. At this time it closely follows the draft calendar of Yarmouth Schools. The School Committee asked if we could get a draft copy to the families by February Vacation.

Old Business

A motion was made by Geoff Summa to accept the policy BCC- Nepotism in second reading with the edits that were made in committee meeting. Seconded by Emily Short. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Other Business

There were no warrants for the School Committee to review and sign.

There was a discussion about School Committee meetings on Zoom. The Superintendent will research the policies and decisions this School Committee has decided on this topic. There is information from MSMB on the topic.

Adjournment at 7:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent