

## **Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairperson Suzanne Rugh. Present: School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Beverly Johnson, Jeff Putnam, Jen Belesca and Stephen Todd; school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Nancy Earnest.

### **Flag Salute**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Jeff Putnam and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeff Putnam and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve the School Committee minutes of January 3, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Correspondence**

Jen Belesca shared a letter from Yarmouth Superintendent Andrew Dolloff that went home to parents. In it he outlines that beginning next year, children of non-resident Yarmouth teachers attending Yarmouth schools will not be allowed to enroll tuition free in Yarmouth schools as they have in past years. The Yarmouth School Committee will be working on a policy to govern this change. Mike Pulsifer shared an email he received from Dave Brunner about his upcoming schedule for doing the scheduled contract work for the CIS renovation effort. Some suggestions were offered by the School Committee and Mike will get back to Dave about those suggestions.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Reports**

School Committee Chair: Suzanne Rugh reported that the violin lessons that are being offered to the Chebeague Island School students seem to be successful. Her daughter has reported that she likes the lessons, the teacher and playing the violin.

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer updated the School Committee that the first semester grade reporting period will end on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, and report card will be going home soon after that date.

### **Old Business**

2017/18 Budget Discussion: The School Committee reviewed the 2015/16 budget expenditures, and also reviewed the year-to-date expenditures of the current 2016/17 budget. The SC then did

a line by line review of our draft 2017/18 budget. Mike Pulsifer will compile the suggestions and get back to the full SC at a future meeting on the results of those suggestions.

Second Reading of Policies: A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve as a second reading revised policies AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, AC-R Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – Grievance Procedure, AD Educational Philosophy/ Mission, ADC Tobacco Use and Possession and ADC-R Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure. The motion passed 5-0.

### **New Business**

Chebeague Island School Pre-K to Grade 5 Math and Reading Learning Standards: Mike Pulsifer informed the School Committee that the staff have been working on learning standards for math, reading and writing. The writing standards are not quite ready but should be soon, and it was agreed to wait until all of the standards are complete before the School Committee reviews them.

Certification of Superintendent for 2017/18: Suzanne Rugh signed the state required form that signifies Mike Pulsifer will be the Superintendent of Schools for Chebeague Island School Department for next year.

### **Other Business**

Warrant #13 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for the warrant.

### **Adjournment**

Jen Belesca motioned and Beverly Johnson seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:43 pm. The motion passed 5-0.