

# **Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **Tuesday, November 9, 2017**

### **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, Jen Belesca, Stephen Todd and Suzanne Rugh (excused late); and school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer.

### **Flag Salute**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Courtney Doughty and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve the meeting minutes of October 17, 2017 as written. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Belesca).

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Reports**

School Committee Chair: Jeff Putnam reported that the Town is working on a solar project that could lead to significant energy savings for the Town and School Department. For a set up cost of approximately \$170,000 solar panels could be structured to generate electricity that would be sold to CMP. After a six-year sellback period, the solar equipment could then be purchased by the Town for a \$75,000 buyback fee and the Town and school would then be self sufficient energy-wise thereafter. It could save approximately 80,000 kilowatts in costs per year. More information will be made available as the project moves forward.

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer reported that CIS will be receiving a new 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in a few weeks. Also, the state DOE has issued a statement at this time that it will not forgive any days of school missed due to power outages, but will consider all 2017/18 days missed in the spring after the winter season is over. Mike also updated the School Committee on the November 9<sup>th</sup> teacher workshop day; the staff worked on updating report cards and aligning them with our standards for learning. And finally, Mike shared some dates to remember: November 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Walk and breakfast; November 21<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving at school with the Island Commons invited; and December 19<sup>th</sup> the annual school winter concert at the Hall.

### **Old Business**

Referendum Results/Next Steps: Everyone was very happy that the school renovation referendum passed, and that the citizens supported the school so well. A lengthy discussion was held on the

timeline needed to start and complete the work. It was agreed that it is important to be timely in this process. David Brunner will be invited to the next SC meeting on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to go over his proposed construction timeline, and to discuss architect and engineer work coming up next. Jeff Putnam noted that we need to start the process on financing the project soon, and Mike Pulsifer will contact Marjorie Stratton to begin that work.

Yarmouth Tuition Contract: The recent no-power days forced the tuition contract subcommittee to postpone their meeting with Yarmouth on October 31<sup>st</sup>. New dates were discussed and will be communicated to Yarmouth to reschedule the meeting.

Second Reading of Policies: A motion was made by Courtney Doughty and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve policies IJOA-E3 Field Trips and Other Student Travel Request Form; IHBG Home Schooling; and IHBGA Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs as second and final readings. The motion passed 5-0.

### **New Business**

National Teacher Conference/Presentation Request: Mike Pulsifer informed the School Committee that our grades 3-5 teacher Kristin Westra has been selected by the Maine Math and Science Alliance (MMSA) to attend the National Science Teachers Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on March 15/16/17/18. Kristin will present her WeatherBlur project results that she and her students have compiled over the past three years. There is no cost to the district for her attendance as the MMSA will cover all costs. Kristin will be one of only two teachers from Maine invited to attend the national conference.

### **Other Business**

Warrant #7 was reviewed and approval was authorized for the warrant.

### **Adjournment**

Suzanne Rugh motioned and Courtney Doughty seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion passed 5-0.