

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 10, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairperson Jeff Putnam. Present: School Committee members Jeff Putnam, Suzanne Rugh, Courtney Doughty, Stephen Todd and Jen Belesca; school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Pre-K Teacher Nancy Earnest, and guests Dan Malloy, Beverly Johnson, Marjorie Stratton and David Brunner.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve the School Committee meeting minutes of December 18, 2018 as written. The motion passed 3-0-2 (Todd and Putnam abstaining).

Correspondence

The School Committee received a letter from State Senator Cathy Breen thanking them for their public service on the Chebeague Island School Committee, and she wished them well in the upcoming year.

Public Comment

None

Reports

School Committee Chair: None

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer shared a report for the budget planning schedule and topics he would like the School Committee to review. Beginning at the next meeting he will have information for the School Committee's input and approval for the upcoming 2019-20 budget.

Old Business

School Renovation Update: David Brunner gave a report updating the School Committee on the progress currently at the school, and the highlights were as follows: the new drywalls are up and the prime coat has been put on as well; the electrical work is almost done; the cabinetry is installed in the classrooms with storage areas under the window walls; and the front doors will be put in very soon. The School Committee said they would like to do another tour of the school soon, and

asked to have it scheduled for the next SC meeting. David also shared that Claire Betze had donated some of her time and work to the renovation project (\$937.50 in savings), and the SC asked Mike Pulsifer to send a letter of thanks from them to Claire. David also reviewed the Change Orders in process, and shared a Change Order summary. At this time, we are approximately 69% done with the renovation, and our contingency spending is at 71%, so we are in line for that spending. David also informed everyone that the mold issue is behind us, and the renovation is moving forward at a positive speed. Jeff Putnam asked if the School Committee could get an updated accounting of its designated accounts for the school, and for that to be reviewed at the next School Committee meeting under the renovation topic.

Mike Pulsifer shared a letter sent to Ducas Construction on behalf of the School Committee, thanking Patrick Ducas for his generous donation of \$1,000 to purchase the used 17.5 kw Kohler generator from the Island Commons. Mike also informed the SC that Kim Bohme, who gave the school its original 7 kw generator years ago, asked if he could get it back when the school receives the new generator, as he would like to give it to someone who does not have a generator currently. Mike also informed the School Committee that there may be a refund coming from the insurance claim he filed with our Maine Municipal carrier for the mold damage done this past summer. He will keep the SC informed as more information becomes available. And finally, Mike reviewed the high amount of oil consumption that has occurred during the renovation this winter. He is hopeful that the newly installed exterior doors will decrease the heat loss at the worksite and our heating oil bills will be reduced.

New Business

Tuition Contract for 6th – 12th Grade Students: A copy of the draft tuition contract for Chebeague Island students to attend Yarmouth schools from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2031 was reviewed. Jeff Putnam gave an overview of all changes to that agreement, specifically contract language changes and changes that could have a financial impact. A general discussion was held, and questions were asked and reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve the new tuition agreement with Yarmouth for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2031 as presented. The motion passed 5-0. Another discussion was then held on whether the new tuition contract should be sent to the town for a town vote, or to have it only be approved by the School Committee. After that discussion, a motion was made by Stephen Todd and seconded by Courtney Doughty to send the new tuition contract to the town for a town vote at its June town budget meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Search: A discussion was held on the superintendent search that will need to occur to hire a new superintendent. A general discussion was held on what was done for the last search, and it was agreed to have this on the next agenda for more discussion. Jeff Putnam and Jen Belesca agreed to meet during the interim to get information together.

First Reading of Policies: Policies JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students and JICIA Weapons, Violence and School Safety were reviewed as first readings. After review, a motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve JICH and JICIA as first readings. The motion passed 5-0. Both policies will be reviewed as a second reading at the next School Committee meeting.

Other Business

Warrant # 12 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for it. In addition, an analysis of spending to date was shared with the SC. It was an analysis of July 1 to December 31, or exactly six months.

Adjournment

Suzanne Rugh motioned and Courtney Doughty seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:28 pm. The motion passed 5-0.