

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chairperson Jeff Putnam. Present: School Committee members Jeff Putnam, Courtney Doughty, Suzanne Rugh, Jen Belesca and Stephen Todd (excused late); school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Pre-K teacher Nancy Earnest; and guests Jim Gallagher and Jason Skillin.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Courtney Doughty and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve the School Committee meeting minutes of June 5, 2018 as written. The motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence

Jeff Putnam shared an email correspondence he received about an upcoming meeting to review and sign the school renovation contract on June 28th. He invited all SC members who could go to attend that meeting. He also noted that the Board of Selectmen have a meeting on June 27th to review the contract as well.

Public Comment

Jim Gallagher was in attendance as a guest, he is a summer resident. He informed the School Committee that he is a retired educator and likes to attend School Committee meetings on Chebeague when he can. Jeff Skillin also came to the meeting, as he wanted the School Committee to review a concern he had about an after school incident. Mike Pulsifer asked him if he could help him with that concern later, as Mike thought it was not a School Committee issue but was a school issue. Mike agreed to call Jeff and discuss his concern.

Reports

School Committee Chair: Jeff Putnam reviewed the 2018/19 School Committee meeting schedule, and after discussion, it was agreed that the School Committee will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month next year.

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer asked if the School Committee would like to have a draft policy to review at a future School Committee meeting that outlines their discussion at the last meeting that centered on four-year-olds attending the Chebeague Island School. The general consensus was that a policy is needed.

Old Business

School Renovation: The School Committee reviewed some specifics around siding, roofing and windows. That information will be forwarded to David Brunner for his discussions with the contractor. Mike Pulsifer updated the School Committee on the storage of school equipment, the moving schedule and classroom placements for next year. For the summer, he plans on having the school office at the CRC and will update the School Committee regularly. It was also noted that Marjorie will be the person to approve payments for the renovation, and the SC would get copies of work and payments as well.

Student Numbers and Class Sizes for 2018/19: Mike Pulsifer shared a student list by grade levels, and it was noted that we only have one student signed up for Pre-Kindergarten at this time. He also shared that he had spoken to Pre-K teacher Nancy Earnest about that, and the possibility of different alternatives for this low teacher to student ratio. Nancy Earnest was in attendance and she said that she may request a year's leave of absence if the one Pre-K student could join the K-2 classroom. Mike was asked to discuss this with the Pre-K student's parents and teachers, and report back to the School Committee.

New Business

None

Other Business

Warrant # 26 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for it.

Mike Pulsifer reviewed a playground incident with the School Committee that had occurred that day after school. He said that it was a school issue, and he would be following up on it with the parents.

Adjournment

Courtney Doughty motioned and Suzanne Rugh seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:47 pm. The motion passed 5-0.