

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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; and guests David Brunner, Claire Betz, Jean Beaupre, Bob Earnest, Marjorie Stratton and Geoff Summa.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve the School Committee minutes of January 17, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Reports

Suzanne Rugh asked if the current April School Committee meeting schedule works for everyone, including Dave Brunner who will be on the island to give a presentation to the SC. After discussion, it was the consensus of the SC to move the April 18th meeting to Thursday, April 13th.

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer updated the School Committee that the school bus will be ferried off the island during the February break to get the inspection done in Portland.

Old Business

CIS Renovation: David Brunner and Claire Betz were in attendance to give the School Committee an update on the renovation work they are doing. At this time, David showed a floor and roof plan to the SC that he used for discussion purposes. A general discussion was held, and some topics were generated for further discussion:

- Storage needs, and locations of storage areas (inside, outside, in the attic)
- Cabinets and shelving in classrooms (where and how)

- Solar panels and other energy types for the school (long term returns and costs)
- Heat pumps vs. boiler
- Educational benefits to renovations (room locations, sizes and classroom needs)

David will be back again at the School Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 21st and will have more updated information for the School Committee. It was also agreed that David will be at the School Committee meeting on Thursday, April 13th (new date) for a full presentation on floor plans, energy and structural upgrades and costs associated with the entire renovation project.

Chebeague Island School Pre-K to Grade 5 Math/Reading/Writing Standards: Due to time constraints, the School Committee agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

2017/18 Budget Discussion: The School Committee reviewed a draft budget, and were able to discuss much of it. Also, they considered some possible revenue sources and the possible impact to the budget those source might have. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the next School Committee meeting. Everyone was reminded that the following night on Wednesday, February 8th there will be a budget workshop with the Board of Selectmen at the Island Hall.

New Business

Undesignated Fund Balance: Mike Pulsifer shared with the School Committee that they have an undesignated fund balance that should be designated to be used by the school department. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to move some of the funds into designated accounts. Beverly Johnson motioned and Stephen Todd seconded to designate \$50,000 into the Capital Improvement reserve account, and to designate \$15,000 into an account to be used to reduce the 2017/18 tax impact for the school department budget. The motion passed 5-0.

Other Business

Warrant #14 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 7:46 pm. The motion passed 5-0.