

Chebeague Island School Committee Workshop Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Vice Chairperson Stephen Todd. Present: Chebeague Island School Committee members Stephen Todd, Suzanne Rugh, Jen Belesca and Courtney Doughty, (Jeff Putnam excused absent); Chebeague Island School Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer; Chebeague Island Board of Selectmen members Jay Corson, Jean Beaupre, David Hill and Herb Maine; and Town Manager Marjorie Stratton.

2018/19 School Department Budget Request

A copy of the school budget proposal for 2018/19 was shared with the Board of Selectmen. A review of it was done by both groups, questions were asked and comments were offered. It was noted that overall the 2018/19 proposal was up \$9,377 over last year, or .79%. The preliminary ED 279 report shows state subsidy coming in at \$80,255 for the school department, up from the previous year's subsidy by \$4,903. As the proposal is nearly flat funded, many questions arose about making it greater. At this time the School Committee felt it should stay as it is and did not need to be increased. Marjorie Stratton shared some information showing the combined School and Town budgets, and what the possible tax mill rate increase might be if they were enacted. The Board of Selectmen thanked the School Committee for sharing their information and for working to keep the budget request low.

Adjournment

Stephen Todd adjourned the workshop at 7:44 pm.