

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes

April 6, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the School Committee Chairperson, Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Leah Guay, Suzanne Rugh, Jen Belesca, and Carol White and Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick. Others present Sarah Klein, Nancy Earnest and Beverly Johnson, Christin Auffaunt, Meredith Beaupre, Vike Wood, Donna Colbeth, Polly Wentworth, David Hill, Melissa Yosua-Davis and Laura Summa.

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Leah Guay to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from March 9 and March 23, 2021- These minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence-

Jeff Putnam and the school committee received information about electric vehicles for purchase by towns and schools. The board would like more information about electric cars. Vike sent an email requesting the start up of Afterschool Programs at the school.

Public Comment -

Beverly Johnson asked for a discussion regarding the public coming into the school. Once adults have been vaccinated they should be able to come into the building and work with the students. She shared times throughout the year that she had been in the school. She would like to continue coming into the school and provide technology and other programs for the students. Vika asked about after school programs for the students.

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam asked that the buildings and grounds committee have a meeting soon.

Superintendent/ Principal-

Old Business

Plans for the low tide school boats on Thursday April 30 and Friday May 28, 2021.

Currently we are working on 2 different plans to get the middle and high school students to Cousins Island at 7:20. The first is Fogg Water Taxi picking up the students at the Stone Pier or CTC from Chandlers Wharf. We are looking at the timing it will take for CTC to run from Chandlers to Cousins. Notice will go to parents on the plan for that day.

Violins- Some of the violins have been sold. We have kept some for future instructional purposes. The ones that were broken beyond repair have been discarded. The money received from the sale will go to the Town Office to be deposited into the School's General

New Business

The Plans for the School Covid Protocols and Procedures for May and June have not changed since the beginning of the school year. With many of the adults on Chebeague Island and in the school vaccinated there is a question about opening the school for after school activities. Many schools in Cumberland County are reviewing the spacing of students for a possible change in the number of students in class for May and June.

Discussion of afterschool activities for the students at the school was brought up. It was noted that activities have resumed at the recreation center and they will have a week long program during vacation week.

The FY22 Budget was reviewed. The cost of health insurance came in at 2%. The School Committee increased the Superintendent and Principal salary by 3%. The recommendation from the Finance Committee was to keep the transportation of students under purchased services remain at the same level. The school committee will review the new numbers at the next meeting.

Other Business

There will be a warrant to sign by the end of the week.

Executive Session-

Adjournment at 8:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent