

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm by Chairperson Suzanne Rugh. Present: School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Beverly Johnson, and Jen Belesca, (Jeff Putnam and Steven Todd excused absent); school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Pre-K teacher Nancy Earnest; and guests Bo Beaupre, Meredith Beaupre, Logan Beaupre and Riley Beaupre.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve the November 1, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written. The motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Beverly Johnson approve the October 29, 2016 workshop meeting minutes as written. The motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence

Logan Beaupre was in attendance to speak to the School Committee about his experiences at Harrison Middle School this year. He informed the SC that he likes going to HMS and the school day seems to fly by. He does say getting up earlier this year is a bit harder, but he likes the school. Math seemed a bit tricky for him at first, but he feels well prepared for the classes there. He has taken the late bus a few times, and also has taken part in some extra curricular activities. Suzanne Rugh informed the SC that she has spoken to Zack Rich's mother, Kelley, and she informed her that school is going well for Zack as well, and he enjoys going to HMS.

Public Comment

None.

Reports

School Committee Chair: None

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer reported that the Chebeague Island teachers attended an excellent workshop organized by Ross Greene (Lives in the Balance author) on Friday, November 4th in Portland. The entire staff was in attendance, and that conference will help CIS shape its work with students. As a follow up to the conference, on November 10th the CIS staff devoted its early release time discussing the workshop, the different information learned and

many resources gained. Both days were very positive professional development opportunities for the CIS staff and will directly benefit our students.

Old Business

CIS Renovation: The SC reviewed many of the components needed for a renovation, and some of the discussion topics are noted below:

- Three updated CIS design concepts and costs were reviewed, and the three designs need to be narrowed down to one, with a probable decision being made at a future SC meeting.
- Four different ways to fund a school renovation project were discussed, and the types reviewed were as follows:
 - Maine Municipal Bond Bank funding
 - Investment bonds sold by an investment firm
 - Maine Department of Education renovation and construction funds
 - Maine private bank loans
- A general discussion was held on how to get an investor's rating from Moody's Investment Service or Standard and Poor Global Ratings. A list of many different communities' ratings were share with the SC as examples, including two profile reports of an island school district that received a rating from both Moody's and S&P.
- Two debt service schedules were shared that showed yearly payments if a community had a 20-year bond or a 25-year bond, using a 2.5% interest rate on the payments.
- David Brunner sent the SC a proposal to do the services for the schematic design phase of the renovations for CIS. All present were in favor of the proposal, but decided to wait for the full SC membership to be present before voting on it. This proposal will be put on the next SC meeting agenda for the SC's consideration.
- The current designated fund that the SC has for Capital Improvements was reviewed, and it is more than enough to cover the proposal from Mr. Brunner.

New Business

First Reading of Policies: A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve policies JICK Bullying, JICK-R Bullying – Administrative Procedures, JICK-E1 Chebeague Island School Bullying Report Form, JICK-E2 Chebeague Island School Bullying Investigation and Response Form, and JICK-E3 Bullying: Summary of Disciplinary and Remedial Actions Form as a first reading. The motion passed 3-0. The policies will be place on the next SC agenda for a second and final reading.

Other Business

Warrant #8 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 6:08 pm. The motion passed 3-0.