

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairperson Suzanne Rugh. Present: School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Beverly Johnson, Jeff Putnam, Stephen Todd and Jen Belesca; school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Pre-K Teacher Nancy Earnest; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton; and citizens Bob Earnest and David Brunner (also the architect).

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Stephen Todd to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Beverly Johnson to approve the School Committee meeting minutes of April 4, 2017 as written. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Todd abstained).

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Reports

School Committee Chair:

None

Superintendent/Principal: Mike Pulsifer shared with the School Committee that he is still working on getting a new copy machine, but hopes to get one in the very near future. Also, he informed the SC that the Anthem Choice Plus rate for the 2017/18 school year went up 5% over the 2016/17 rate. The budget contains a 9% increase so we should be fine. And finally, he shared with the SC a submission to the Island Council Calendar he is doing that will also contain some information about the public forum for the recommended renovation.

Old Business

School Renovation Update: David Brunner was in attendance, and he shared many documents that pertain to the possible renovation. David started the update with a Schematic Design Report that listed a base estimate of the cost to renovate the school. From that base estimate, he shared possible alternatives that the SC might consider. Also in the report were write ups from mechanical and energy engineers who had inspected the school, and those write ups offered

advice on some renovation ideas. David also had different costs listed for each alternative. The SC had a lengthy discussion on all of the options and the one decision that was collectively reached was to consider a pitched roof for the school instead of the current flat roof. At the next meeting on May 4th, the SC will make final decisions on all the alternatives and options. David said that after they make their final decisions he would have the final schematic design and financial estimates for the renovation at the SC meeting on May 16th.

The School Committee also discussed how to inform the public on the work that has been done so far and how to update them on the many studies completed, and the final renovation proposal. Jen Belesca, Beverly Johnson and Mike Pulsifer met earlier in the week, and Jen reviewed a possible time line the SC might want to consider for informing the public. The full School Committee discussed the possible timeline, and after conferring among all of the people present, the dates outlined by Jen were agreed upon by everyone present.

New Business

None

Other Business

Warrants #19 and #20 were reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for the warrants.

Adjournment

Beverly Johnson motioned and Jen Belesca seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:48 pm. The motion passed 5-0.