

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes
January 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by the School Committee Chairperson, Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Leah Guay, Suzanne Rugh, Jen Belesca, and Carol White (6:05). School staff present were Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, Nancy Ernest, Sarah Klein, Polly Wentworth and Beverly Johnson.

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

Minutes from January 5, 2021- A motion was made by Leah Guay to approve the minutes for the School Committee Meeting of January 5, 2021 as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Correspondence- All School Committee members received a letter of thanks from our State Senator. We received notification from the state that they received our request for extension on the audit for FY2020 and it was granted.

Matt Ridgeway has shared the tide schedule through June. We will meet to talk about some issues with late/canceled boats that affect the school boats.

Public Comment -none

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam shared the letter he drafted to the Army Corp of Engineering regarding dredging.

A google document on Superintendent Evaluations was shared with all school committee members and Superintendent Kirkpatrick. There was discussion about the document not having the ability to have comments after every session. A motion was made by Leah Guay to begin the process of Superintendent Evaluation. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Superintendent/ Principal- The Superintendent shared the Winter Convocation Zoom topics. The Superintendents across the state met. The first speaker's topic was on Inclusion and Social Acceptance. The second speaker was a panel with an epidemiologist/infectious specialist and the Commissioner of Education. The take-away message was, the 6 protocols for keeping everyone safe in school works. The state continues to see an increase in COVID cases so continue to wear a mask, wash hands, social distance, do a health screen everyday and stay home if you don't feel well.

Old Business

Policy- ACAB- Harassment of School Employees

Policy- ACAB-R- Harassment of School Employees Complaint Procedure

No action taken on these policies. The School Committee requested these two policies be resent with the edits; clean copy.

The Superintendent and School Committee had a brief discussion regarding the Earned Paid Leave Law. The discussion will continue.

New Business

Lead Teacher- The students adjust back to the routine of school. There was a first day back review of the safety protocols.

Grades 1-2 are working hard on their literacy skills. They will begin studying inventors and will have a chance to try out inventing in a new 'maker's space'.

Grade 3-5 are working on factions and measurement. They will begin researching and writing biographies. They will have a wax museum of the people they researched. It will be videoed and put online!

Forest Fridays have been spent outdoors identifying trees in the winter.

All students are in a reading challenge with themselves. They are setting goals; minutes read or number of books. They will get to move their picture up the different mountains in Maine as they reach their goals.

There was a discussion about the configuration of students for next year. It will not look the same as this year. The teachers and staff can make it work with the current number of staff.

The curriculum; science and social studies have not been finalized.

There was another discussion about lower elementary assessments. We currently use NWEA in grades 3-5. We will start researching IReady for grades K-3 as well.

Budget- The cost centers of Regular Education, Special Education and Staff/Student Support were reviewed. Questions included; Was technology included in the specials schedule? Was the new tuition rate for middle and high school students used? Were special education tuition numbers used actual or estimated? Was the library and recreation fees prorated from last year as they were not used for 4 months of 10 month year?

Other Business

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

Adjournment at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent