

Chebeague Island School Committee  
Executive Session- ZOOM  
May 4, 2021  
5:30 P.M.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by the School Committee Chairperson, Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Leah Guay, Jen Belesca, and Carol White and Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick.

Executive Session- Leah Guay made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A §405(6)(A). Employment -related matters. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 5-0-0. The School Committee entered the executive session at 5:32 p.m. The School Committee came out of the executive session at 5:56- no action taken.

Chebeague Island School Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes- ZOOM  
May 4, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by the School Committee Chairperson, Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Leah Guay, Jen Belesca, and Carol White and Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick. Others in attendance were Beverly Johnson, Vika Wood, Chris Loder, Courtney Doughty, Meredith Beaupre, Polly Wentworth, Keven Wentworth, Emily Short, Nancy Earnest, Sarah Klein, Melissa Yosua-Davis, Donna Colbeth, Erika Neumann, and Steve Auffant.

**Approval of Agenda-** A motion was made by Leah Guay to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Minutes from April 6, 2021-** A motion was made by Jen Belesca to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021, Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Minutes from April 20, 2021.** A motion was made by Leah Guay, Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 4-0-1(sr)

**Correspondence-** Jeff Putnam was included in an email thread from concerned parents regarding the School Committees plans to install cameras on the bus. Ann Kirkpatrick received Beverly Johnson's letter of resignation as the technology teacher. On behalf of the School Committee it was accepted with regret.

**Public Comment -**

Courtney Doughty recognized the staff of CIS for working this school year under these unprecedented circumstances with regards to the pandemic. She would like the school, rec

center, and town to continue to work together to find new ways to keep and/or attract families to Chebeague Island with the declining enrollment.

## **Reports**

School Committee Chairperson- no report

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick shared that the Commissioner of Education and CDC are looking at changing the COVID protocols with the level of vaccines- at this time the materials have not been reviewed.

Lead Teacher- Sarah Klein announced that we are in the last 6 weeks of school. The students in grades 3-5 have started their state assessments - NWEA. They will be assessed in math and reading. Grade 5 will also be assessed in science. There are 2 field trips being planned for the end of the school year; grades 3-5 will go to Bar Harbor from May 19-21. Staying in state supports the current curriculum! After a long school year during the pandemic the whole school will be going on a celebratory end of year field trip in June- they are looking into a LLBean Excursion at Flying Point.

## **New Business**

Cameras on the Bus Discussion-There were comments and concerns about installing cameras on the bus. Discussion points were - safety for the students, driver can keep eyes on the road, the recording is passive, not live, helpful in a situation where a child might be bullied, students privacy, negativity towards the school, who and when the tape is to be viewed, a big solution to a small problem. The School Committee asked Ann to not proceed with the installation at this time.

Policies ECAD Cameras on the Bus and ECAD-R and Cameras on the Bus Administrative Procedures.

Motion was made by Jen Belesca to accept the first reading of policies ECAD and ECAD-R  
Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 4-1-0 (cw)

The Building and Grounds Committee met Tuesday, May 4 at 1:00pm on ZOOM . A list of tasks was developed and discussed. Next Meeting is June 1, 2021.

Chebeague Transportation Company Contract- The School Committee has negotiated a 3-year contract with CTC for the transportation of Chebeague Island School students attending Yarmouth Public School grades 6-12.

Motion: Leah Guay made a motion that the School Committee approve the negotiated 3 year contract with CTC. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 4-0-1(jp) Jen Belesca and Ann Kirkpatrick will sign the contract.

**Old Business**

Electric Vehicles- tabled

School Budget 2021-2022- The budget total is \$1,141,141.00. Carol White made a motion to approve the budget with the following cost centers;

Regular Education \$509,124.00; Special Education \$129,162.00; Student and Staff Support

\$21,647.00; System Administration \$76,553.00, School Administration \$60,610.00;

Transportation \$110,251.00; Operations/Maintenance \$57,947.00, Debt Service \$134,034.00;

All Other (including Food Services and Contingency)\$41,812.00.

Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion Passed. 5-0-0

**Other Business**

The Town Office will notify the School Committee when the warrant is ready.

Adjournment at 7:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent