

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairperson Jeff Putnam. Present School Committee members Jeff Putnam, Jen Belesca, Courtney Doughty, Christin Nadeau and Suzanne Rugh; school staff Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, Polly Wentworth, Meredith Beaupre and community member Jana Hobbs.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Courtney Doughty and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve the School Committee meeting minutes of June 18, 2019 as written. The motion passed 4 - 0 - 1 (jb).

Correspondence

There was a continued discussion of Thank you notes for the work done on the new building and celebration. Suzanne Rugh continues to be the lead on this project.

Public Comment

Polly Wentworth spoke about the Fourth of July celebration in the Town and at the school. It was a huge success!

Reports

School Committee Chairperson: Jeff Putnam welcomed the Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick to her first official meeting. He shared that the building looks great. He and the board look forward to new eyes on the policies and procedures of how the school and school board conducts its business.

Superintendent/Principal: Ann Kirkpatrick reported that AllState paving company has not confirmed a date with Marjorie to begin the work. Thinking that it will be in August but she will let us know.

Ann noted that she is finding her way around the office. Meredith is very helpful and answering lots of questions. There are two positions to fill at this time Spanish and a full time educational technician.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Director of the Recreation Department; Jana Hobbs was asked to speak about Kid's Place (KP); the child care facility within the Recreation Department caring for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. There is a great need for child care on the island but the numbers of children do not allow for KP to run a break even business. The current cost for child care at KP is \$52.50 per day which is comparable to child care on the mainland. Developing a strategic plan with input from focus groups will be the next step for KP.

Spanish Teacher

Michael Pulsifer has left the contact information of a person he believes was interested in the position. The candidate and Superintendent are trying to set up a time to meet.

Donation by William and Alex Daugherty

A \$65,000 donation for the support of learning, growth and development of children through RippleEffect was given by William and Alex Daugherty. Thank you note will be written on behalf of the school and students.

Donation by Mallett Brothers Band to music program.

A \$475 donation from the recent concert was given to the music program at the school. (\$300 from the band and \$175 from the concert) Thank you note will be written on behalf of the school and students.

Educational Technicians/Support Staff Agreement-

Ann Kirkpatrick shared a support staff handbook as a way to make fair and consistent decisions among support staff requests. It will need to be in sync with the Chebeague teachers contract. Ann will send a copy to all Board members to read and make suggestions.

Warrant #26 (from fiscal year 2018/19) \$6,126.32

Warrant #1- fiscal year 2019/20. Total \$75,102.58 (includes MePers reimbursement!)

Executive Session-

A Motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Christin Nadeau to move into Executive Session for the discussion of a confidential matter by the Superintendent. Vote: 5 - 0 Time in 7:18. Time out 7:30. No Action Taken

Adjournment

Courtney Doughty motioned and Christin Nadeau seconded to adjourn the School Committee Meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion passed 5 - 0.

