

# **Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes**

September 1st, 2020 6:00 P.M.

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by the School Committee Chairperson; Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Jen Belesca, Leah Guay, Suzanne Rugh and Carol White (6:10). As well as Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick.

There were 3 members of the audience; Nancy Earnest, Polly Wentworth and Donna Colbeth.

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

**Minutes from August 18, 2020-** A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh to accept the minutes from the August 18, 2020 school committee meeting as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 3-0-1 (lg).

**Correspondence-** Chebeague Island Council is hosting a flu shot clinic for the students of Chebeague Island. It will be on Saturday September 19, 2020. The Council will be giving the school information to distribute to parents.

**Public Comment-** none

## **Reports**

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam thanked Ann Kirkpatrick for the amazing efforts that it has taken her to plan, organize, & be our fearless leader during these unprecedented times. Each school committee member then expressed their gratitude to Ann and her team (staff & SORT committee vounteers) for the huge task they faced to opening the school up again. It was recognized by all what a positive achievement it was to have the students back in class at our island school.

At the next School Committee meeting, Jeff will be out of town. Jen Belesca will run the meeting. Jeff reminded other Committee members if they were not going to be at the next meeting to let him know as we need a quorum to hold the meeting.

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann shared that Monday's walk through with the parents and students had been a success. Several parents commented that they appreciated seeing what the students would be experiencing each day. The 8:30-2:30 school day

allows for the teachers; Nancy and Sarah to work with small groups in the afternoon while the other group is attending either music, art, PE, or Technology, depending on the day. This also allows for the teachers and ed techs to have time at the end of the day to debrief and plan for the next day.

A Motion was made by Jen Belesca to have the school day run from 8:30AM to 2:30PM for the month of September and to revisit the change in hours in October. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The school applied for and has received a Cares Grant from the Maine Department of Education to help with the additional costs associated with safety and cleaning protocols that needed to be purchased and in place for the start of school. The state determined the amount for each school district. Chebeague was granted \$23,569.55 in the form of a reimbursement grant. The grant expires December 31, 2020.

### **Old Business**

Mowing Bids - Fowler Lawn Care has agreed to mow the school lawn and ball field for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The Irrigation System at the ballfield has not been serviced recently and has not been in operation this season. Ann has been in contact with BJ Abrahamson and he will drain the system and repair any heads by early October.

The Staff and Student Support Cost Center in the FY20 budget is overdrawn by \$6,124. All bills and reimbursements are believed to have been received.

Leah Guay made a motion to transfer \$6,124 from the Regular Education Cost center to the Staff and Student Support Cost Center to balance the account. Seconded by Carol White. Motion passed 5-0-0.

### **New Business**

Ann Kirkpatrick reviewed the slate of positions that were budgeted for the 2020-2021 fiscal year school budget. With the board's action of eliminating a position there were some adjustments to employees positions; The Pre-K teacher was a part time 75% position and is now a full time position including additional responsibilities with the kindergarten. The Educational Technician that was part time 80% position is now full time. The Lead Teacher position is being recommended to increase from the stipend 3% of the salary to a flat amount of \$5,000 due primarily to the additional grade levels and increased responsibilities of that position.

All these positions are in the Regular Instruction Cost Center and there is no increase to the current budget with these changes.

Carol White made a motion to increase Nancy Earnest to a full time position. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Suzanne Rugh made a motion to increase Penny Wahlstrom, educational technician position to 90% (10% of Penny's time is the physical education teacher), not to exceed 40 hours per week. Seconded by Leah Guey. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Carol White made a motion to increase the Teacher Leader position to \$5,000 for the school year. Seconded by Leah Guay. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Carol White made a motion to extend the health insurance for Tammy Hoidal from November 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Seconded by Leah Guay. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Island student count for the first day of school is 15 students. 2 PreK , 2 Kindergarteners, 2 First Graders, 2 Second Graders, 2 Third Graders, 1 Fourth Grader and 4 Fifth Graders.

Report from the Finance Committee - see attached

### **Other Business**

There is a warrant at the town office

Adjournment at 7:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent