

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes  
January 8, 2020

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 am by Chairperson Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Jen Belesca, Courtney Doughty, Suzanne Rugh, and Carol White. School staff present were Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, PreK teacher Nancy Earnest and cook/custodian Polly Wentworth. Parents in attendance only for public comment were Carrie Ridgeway and Erika Neumann.

**Flag Salute**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Courtney Doughty to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2019**

A Motion was made by Carol White to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

**Correspondence**

Jeff Putnam met with the chair of the Select Board regarding Capital Improvement Plans.

**Public Comment**

Carrie Ridgeway shared her concerns of student behaviors at the concert and at school, lack of communication between school and parents, and that two students are being homeschooled since the holiday break. As a solution, she suggested a more fluid transition from PreK to K and from grade 2 to grade 3. Each teacher has their own structure and it should be more schoolwide. Erika Neumann spoke to the school committee. She started by saying Chebeague Island School is a great school. "The school is a gem." There have been transition of many personnel in the building over the last year and the culture and values have not been shared and carried forward. Example at the concert when students were misbehaving, the school personnel did not address it. Some students forgot their performance manners. The staff needs to be more unified.

**Reports**

**School Committee Chairperson:** Jeff Putnam shared with the committee his discussion with Town Selectmen about Capital Improvement Funds. The School Committee should have a recommendation for the Selectmen when they meet with them in February. There are capital reserve funds for tuition, special education and the playground. The School Committee will discuss a fund for transportation; bus and car.

**Superintendent/Principal:** Ann Kirkpatrick reviewed the punch list for Patrick Ducas. PineState Plumbing and Heating have addressed and fixed the items needing their attention. There is still the kitchen hood that will be addressed in the spring, the door handles (Chris Gaudette), the electrical labeling (All Electric) and the items Patrick would send one of his crew to fix; cupboard hardware, siding, door hinge boxes. The Budget Policies were shared as an item of information on the process that is used to develop and approve a school budget.

### **Old Business**

Policy- KI Visitors in the School was tabled.

### **New Business**

The cost centers of Regular Education and Special Education were shared with the School Committee Members. They will review the budget information and meet from 5:00 to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

### **Other Business**

The warrant was signed.

### **Executive Session**

Suzanne Rugh made a motion that the School Committee go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. subsection 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing employment related matters. This was seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 5-0-0 at about 7:20 pm. The School Committee came out of the executive session at 8:56 pm. No action taken.

Adjournment at 8:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent