

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Suzanne Rugh. Present: School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Beverly Johnson, Jeff Putnam and Jen Belesca, (Stephen Todd was excused absent); school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Pre-K teacher Nancy Earnest; and guests David Brunner (architect) and Geoff Summa.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Beverly Johnson and seconded by Jen Belesca to approve the School Committee meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 as written. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Jeff Putnam abstained).

Correspondence

Carol Sabasteanski from the Chebeague Transportation Company (CTC) emailed asking for School Committee representation at an upcoming Yarmouth Town Council meeting scheduled for May 23rd. An agenda item at that meeting is for the Yarmouth Town Council to vote on the new CTC schedule. After discussion, it was agreed to send representation to the meeting.

Public Comment

None

Reports

School Committee Chair: Suzanne Rugh informed the School Committee that she heard many positive comments about the Quebec City field trip the students just took. Beverly Johnson organized the field trip, and she reviewed the many sites and activities the students took part in while they were away, noting that it was a very positive cultural and learning experience for our children. Many thanks were given to Beverly for her time and energy in making the trip so successful.

Superintendent/Principal: None

Old Business

School Renovation: David Brunner was in attendance, and he went over the final renovation proposal documents with the School Committee. In addition, the upcoming Open House on May 21st was discussed, and final plans were organized for that event.

New Business

First Reading of Policies: A motion was made by Jen Belesca and seconded by Beverly Johnson to approve policies IJOA Field Trips and Other Student Travel, IJOA-E1 Parent Permission Form for Field Trip Participation, and IJOA-E2 Non-School Personnel Transporting Students in a Private Vehicle Form. The motion passed 4-0.

Part-time Special Education Director: Tabled until the next meeting.

CTC Contract: A review of the current 2016-17 contract was reviewed and discussed by the School Committee. Some contract considerations were suggested and some changes to language were also suggested. A discussion with the CTC director will be held in the near future.

Summer Meeting Schedule: Tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business

Warrant #22 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for the warrant.

Adjournment

Beverly Johnson motioned and Jen Belesca seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:48 pm. The motion passed 4-0.