

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes

July 7, 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 Courtney Doughty, Suzanne Rugh. Jen Belesca and Carol White came in after the votes for the minutes and agenda. School staff present were Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, teacher Nancy Ernest, Beverly Johnson, and cook/custodian Polly Wentworth, town manager Marjorie Sutton and Donna Colbeth.

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Courtney Doughty. Motion passed 3-0-0. (JB, CW absent).

Minutes from June 16, 2020- These minutes are tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence- A letter from Caroline Fernades letting the board know that she wrote an OP-Ed to The WaterFront. It was about teaching the students about history without racism. She brought to light the prejudices that are at times ingrained in the way lessons are taught. She recommended that schools be conscientious about this in all subject areas. The second letter was from Katy McCann. Her suggestion was instead of teaching Spanish that the students should be taught about social justice and tolerance of differences. The Superintendent was asked to respond to the letters on behalf of the School Committee.

Public Comment- At the end of the meeting Donna Colbeth suggested that the school committee and superintendent/principal utilize the retired people on Chebeague Island in the event that we are in any type of remote learning this school year.

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam shared his powerpoint for tomorrow evening's Board of Selectmen's informational meeting on the referendum ballots. After the informational section of the meeting there will be a candidate's form.

Superintendent/ Principal- The SORT committee continues to meet, tomorrow the committee will be looking at a survey of the parents that we have sent out.

There are currently two open positions; music and spanish. Sarah Klein and Ann Kirkpatrick will be reviewing and interviewing for the music position next week.

We are having conversations about Spanish as other Island Schools have been using Rosetta Stone.

Patrick Ducus has not finished the work. He is waiting on the painters. Polly continues to keep in touch with him.

Landscaping and mowing, John Summa has been mowing the lawn for the last few years. We have contacted him for a copy of a contract that was signed. The school grounds include

between the school and the tennis courts, alongside the building, behind the building to the woods and around the equipment, around the flower beds and the ball field. John will continue mowing for the 2020-21 budget cycle. In the Spring we will put the job out to bid.

Polly has looked into purchasing playground wood chips and having them transported out to the island. It is \$2,300 for 100 yards of wood chips and an \$800 barging fee.

Motion: Carol White moved that the School Committee approve the purchase of wood chips not to exceed \$3,500 with the payment coming from the playground reserve account. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Playground will be open to the public soon. Eliza Jane Adams and Polly Wentworth are working on the signage.

Old Business

REAP grant was updated.

New Business

Superintendent Kirkpatrick relayed the information from MSMA about the need to update the policies related to Title IX. This will be an ongoing project for the School Committee to work on.

Other Business

There is a warrant at the town office for the School Committee to sign.

Executive Session

Motion: Jen Belesca moved that the school committee go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss employment-related matters. Seconded by Courtney Doughty. Motion passed 5-0-0- at 7:14. Jeff stopped the video coverage and taping.

Motion: Courtney Dought moved to come out of the executive session. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 5-0-0-. At 7:50. No action was taken.

Adjournment at 7:51 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent