

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes

August 18, 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, Suzanne Rugh and Carol White (6:10). As well as Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick.

There were 16 members in the audience; Denise Sullivan, Nancy Earnest, Beverly Johnson, Polly Wentworth, Donna Colbeth, Erika Neumann (phone), Tammy Hoidal (phone), Vika Wood, Sarah Klein, Scott Lewis, Donna Damon, Meredith and Beau Beaupre,

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Minutes from August 4, 2020- A motion was made by Jen Belesca to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2020 school committee meeting as written. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Minutes from August 3, 2020- A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh to accept the minutes from the School Committee Workshop on August 3, 2020 as written. Seconded by Jen Belesca. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Correspondence- none

Public Comment-

Vika Wood let the committee know that there is a warrant at the town office to sign. Beau Beaupre wanted to know if the budget expenditures for CTC were available at this meeting.

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- no report at this time.

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann shared with the School Committee the written document of the protocols that must be in place per the State of Maine and CDC for the opening of the school year 2020-2021. The State of Maine has required that all schools have 3 plans for the start of school. The three categories are GREEN; in person learning with health and safety protocols; YELLOW is the hybrid model, teacher remote with students in class, student remote with teacher in class, shortened school day or week; and RED; all remote learning.

A motion was made by Carol White to approve the plan in concept for the reopening of Chebeague Island School. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Monday, September 28, Chebeague Island School will be attending Rippleffect. This is made possible by a donation.

Old Business

We are working on the bid for the mowing contract.

Student and Staff Support Trios for 2019-20 are overdrawn. There is a deposit from the REAP Grant that we are waiting on before transferring money from another account to balance.

New Business

Ann Kirkpatrick shared the instructional plan for the Chebeague Island students for the 2020/21 school year. It will be a team approach with 3 teachers and 14 students; Lead teacher Sarah Klein, Nancy Earnest and Mary Holt. These teachers will be supported by 2 full time educational technicians; Penny Wahlstrom and Justina Warren.

Nancy Earnest will fold the K into the PreK room in the mornings. In the afternoons Kindergarten students will be with grades 1 and 2 for specials and will be working with Nancy. On Wednesdays, the Kindergarten students will be working with Nancy full day and have physical education with grade 1 and 2. On Fridays, the whole school will be together for outside learning.

It was noted that there will be a schedule change due to the change in the times at the Yarmouth Schools. The old time at CIS conflicts with the bus schedule and the superintendent and staff would like to change the school day to 8:30am - 2:30pm. This is the same amount of hours that Yarmouth students will be attending accept CIS students are in person 5 days a week and Yarmouth students are only in person 2 days a week. This will be revisited October 1st once CIS has been in session for a while and we have been able to evaluate how the days are going. Continued discussion about this plan included; increasing the day instead of decreasing the day, assessments of the students, facemasks and facemask breaks, boat supervision for the middle and high school students.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Subsection 405(6) (A), to enter into an executive session. Seconded by Carol White. 4-0-0. Motion passed 4-0-0. The board went into executive session and came out at 7:52. No action taken.

Adjournment at 7:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent