

# **Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **Saturday, October 5, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am by Chairperson Jeff Putnam. Present School Committee members Jeff Putnam, Courtney Doughty, and Suzanne Rugh; school staff Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick. Yarmouth School Committee present Kate Shub, Jessica Garrow, Sarah Day, Newell Augur, Chairperson Anne F and Andrew Dolloff, Superintendent.

### **Introductions**

Jeff Putnam asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

### **Flag Salute**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Tour of the School**

The Chebeague School Committee led a tour of the new school including the break out rooms for small group instruction.

### **Areas of Working Together**

It was reviewed that last year these two groups met together to work on a contract for the Middle and High School students to continue to attend the Yarmouth Public Schools in an exclusive contract. The current contract expires at the June 30, 2021. The new contract will begin July 1, 2021. It is a ten year contract running through June 30, 2031.

Another area to continue to work together was a seamless transition for our fifth graders joining Yarmouth fifth graders to begin sixth grade. It was agreed that we will keep the lines of communication open with regards to curriculum. Principal Adler and Principal Kirkpatrick should speak about getting the 5th graders together a couple of times during the school year. Lots of the students know each other through scouts and sports on the mainland. Possibility of Chebeague students participating in the 5th grade play in the spring

### **Issues of Concern**

The topic of homework was discussed with regards to the amount at high school versus middle school. The Middle Level teachers have a team of students and are able to coordinate. At the High School level teachers are not in teams with their students.

Chain of Command was another topic. It was agreed that is parents are concerned about the amount of homework for example, they should first speak to the teacher before bringing it up to the Principal. It is brought up to the Principal if they did not feel heard or were dismissed.

## **Other**

**The Yarmouth School Committee shared with Chebeague** School Committee their 11 phase renovation plan. All buildings will have various levels of renovation beginning in November 2019 with the High School. The K-1 school will be adding space and will be ready if there is a push for public Pre-Kindergarten. The Elementary School will be adding space anticipating to break ground in January. They will be adding 2-story at the right side end of the building. During the summer months the entryway will be reconstructed with safety checks for visitors entering the building. The Elementary will move from a grade 2-4 to include grade 5. This will benefit the Chebeague students as the elementary school will include grade 5 and all sixth graders will enter the Middle School at the same time!

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Putnam at 9:43m to get everyone back on the 10:00 am boat.