

Chebeague Island School Committee Minutes
December 1, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by the School Committee Chairperson; Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Leah Guay, Suzanne Rugh, Jen Belesca, and Carol White. School staff present were Superintendent/Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, Nancy Ernest, Sarah Klein and Beverly Johnson. Others in attendance were Vika Wood and Justin Poirier; Town Manager.

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Leah Guay to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Carol White. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Minutes from November 3, 2020- A motion was made by Carol White to approve the November 3, 2020 School Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Minutes from November 17, 2020- A motion was made by Jen Belesca to approve the November 17, 2020 School Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Suzanne Rugh. Motion passed 4-0-1 (sr).

Correspondence- none

Public Comment- Vika Wood spoke about the Christmas Tree and Poinsettia Fundraiser for the school. They have doubled the sales from last year! The trees and flowers will be available at the school December 4-6 for pick up. Preorders are necessary.

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Jeff Putnam told the School Committee from his experience that the remote Parent-Teacher Conferences went well.

He will invite students the current 6th graders who went to Yarmouth this fall to the next School Committee meeting on December 15th to speak about their transition experiences.

Jeff also announced that there are only 5 more pages left in the 2020 tide chart!

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick told the School Committee that the Governor has put into place additional advice for schools in an effort to keep students safe. Examples are floor markings for the 6 ft. distance, outside mask breaks when not moving, and adults monitoring the halls for ease of directional flow of students. CIS has already been practicing these new recommendations from the beginning of the school year.

We are working on a digital newsletter hopefully to come out before the holiday break!

On Monday, December 14, 2020 the CTC will not be running the 3:45 or 4:45 boats due to the low tides. It is recommended that CIS dismiss at 1:30 so the teacher can ride on the 2:10 boat. The Middle School and High School students will not be affected by this cancelation.

Old Business

At the last meeting there was a report from Pine State Heating regarding the repair of our oil tank and furnace. When the building was rebuilt in 2018/19, the School Committee was aware that the furnace was old but still functional. They made the decision to not replace it during the renovation but start saving in the capital reserve for this project. That plan will continue.

The oil tank was reported to be old and leaking by Pine State Heating. The School Committee asked for a second opinion. It was determined that the oil on the outside of the tank on the top was due to filling the tank. There was no evidence of rust or other compromises to the tank. Where the oil leaves the tank needs fitting replaced and that will be taken care of. As an additional precautionary measure, there will be an absorbent pad placed under the oil tank to reassure no leaking is occurring.

New Business

The School Committee welcomed Chebeague Island's new Town Manager, Justin Poirier to the meeting. All in attendance introduced themselves to Mr. Poirier and we look forward to working closely with him in the future. We learned that he lives in the Augusta area and will be commuting to the island daily.

Other Business

We will be notified when the school warrant is ready to sign at the town office.

Adjournment at 6:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent