

Chebeague Island School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes- at the Chebeague Island School
January 11 , 2022
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the School Committee Chair Suzanne Rugh. School Committee members in attendance were Jeff Putnam, Emily Short, Geoff Summa.. Others in attendance were Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick. Lead teacher Sarah Klein and Polly Wentworth.

Suzanne Rugh began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Agenda for January 11, 2022- A motion was made by Emily Short to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Jeff Putnam. Motion was approved 4-0-0.

Minutes from December 21, 2021- A motion was made by Jeff Putnam to approve minutes of December 21, 2021with corrections. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Correspondence-

Two letter that will be taken up under Superintendent's Report

Public Comment - None

Reports

School Committee Chairperson- Suzanne Rugh stated that she liked the newsletter that went out before the break. Copies of the newsletter will be on the boat. CTC bus is going to the YHS on the evening runs. We will request that it come to a complete stop to give the students a chance to come out of the lobby area in the cold weather. The new focus in Literacy is the science of reading. Suzanne will keep our lead teacher apprised of this literacy development.

Superintendent/ Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick read a letter from Nancy Earnest stating her intent to retire at the end of this school year. Nancy's letter was accepted with regret and good wishes! Ann also read a letter from the teachers asking to start the negotiation process on a new contract.

The topic of going remote with the surge of Covid was discussed. It will be a school decision and not dependent necessarily on the rest of the school is Cumberland County. There is a variety of ways to go remote with the small population and whether it is the students or staff that are unable to attend in person.

The School will continue with the Recompense Grant for Covid supplies and will also ask for a grant to allow all students to have free lunch at CIS for the rest of the school year.

Motion: Emily Short made a motion that the invoice for the woodchips for the boat on the playground be paid from the Playground Reserve Fund. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Lead Teacher Report Sarah Klein described the Response to Intervention that the Special Education Teacher Anja Haubs has developed to identify areas of weakness in reading and math. Sarah, Anja, and Ann meet monthly to discuss the student's progress. Sarah shared students in kindergarten through grade 4 are meeting or will meet in book groups with other island students around New England. This is being organized by the Island Institute. The book groups are being led by island teachers. The students are enjoying the interaction with literacy and other students!

New Business

Days and Dates of School Committee Meetings-

For two current members of the school committee the first Tuesday of the month is a difficult day to meet. After discussion it was decided to move the meetings to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. However, for the months of January and February, the School Committee will meet on the second Tuesday for a regular meeting and the third Tuesday for a budget workshop.

January 11 SC and 18 budget workshop	February 8 SC and 15 budget workshop
March 8 and 22 regular meeting	April 12 and 26 regular meeting
May 10, 24 regular meeting	June 14 and 28 regular meeting

Recommendations of School Committee members for filling vacant seat-

As of June all seats (5) of the sSchool Committee will be up for election. At the current time there is one vacant seat. The School Committee members are looking to appoint a community member to that seat at the first meeting in February 2022.

Policies

A motion was made by Jeff Putnam to approve policies of IJOC School Volunteers and IJOC-E School Volunteer Agreement in their first reading. Second by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Other policies to be considered at later meetings are Job Descriptions, Support Staff Positions and Support Staff Employment as they are all referenced in current policies.

Old Business

The School Committee tabled policy BCC- Nepotism after a lengthy discussion about the appropriateness of eliminating School Committee Members and/or their spouses from volunteer or stipend positions due to the size of CIS population.

Other Business

A warrant was brought to the meeting for review and signatures..

Adjournment at 7:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent

