

Chebeague Island School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Elizabeth Doughty, Courtney Doughty, Nancy Earnest and Geoff Summa (6:22). Also in attendance were Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick, teachers Sarah Klein and Justina Warren and community members Teddy Doughty and Caitlyn Henningsen.

Approval of Agenda for February 7, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the agenda for February 7, 2023. Seconded by Elizabeth Doughty. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from January 24, 2023- A motion was made by Elizabeth Doughty to approve the minutes for January 24, 2023. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Motion passed 3-0-0..

Correspondence- none

Public Comment - none

Report from School Committee Chair- Jeff Putnam will lead the discussion under old business regarding the magnet school concept.

Report from Superintendent/Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick announced that we will have an in person speech and language person starting after February Break. The winter newsletter is at the printers! Ann attended a webinar with Drummond and Woodsum regarding 1st Amendment Audits. They went over the school's legal rights when a person video or audio records in public and private spaces. We continue our work with Cunningham Security working on the fire alarm panel. There has been work on the furnace. When the power goes out the furnace does not automatically come back on. Jon Rich is working on fixing the problem. We continue to receive donations to the William Robinson Memorial Field Trip Fund in memory of Tom Calder. The President of the Chebeague Library Board, the Head Librarian and Superintendent/Principal sat down and had a great meeting. We clarified some expectations and made plans for the whole school to come to the library- date to be determined by the Library.

Report from Lead Teacher- Sarah Klien told the School Committee about the recent field trips to the Planetarium to wrap up the unit on the solar system. The students had lunch/soup at the Community Hall. They also made crafts with the residence at the Commons. Grades 3-5 will go skiing on Friday at Pleasant Mountain. They all know the multiplication tables 0-7! The school continues with book buddies with the students on other islands. This is a highlight of their week, talking about a book that they have read. The students in grades 3-5 have completed the NWEA for the state assessments. Grade 5 will also be tested in science.

There were curriculum questions about the Science of Reading. We received information about professional development about the Science of Reading. Currently, our reading and writing curriculum follows the Lucy Calkins model.

Old Business

Magnet School Discussion- There were more questions to get answered before a discussion leading to a decision can happen. Some of the questions included; what is our capacity of a school and each class? What would be our magnet/draw for students to come to school at CIS? How do we find/attract the students? Is there additional money from the state or is it tuition for the extra costs? Will this increase our money from the state?

The School Committee recognized the difficulty of being part of the school but not part of the community.

The School Committee asked the Superintendent to reach out to Superintendents that have gone through the process and report back at the next meeting.

Budget 2023/24 - The School Committee received a draft budget to look over before the next meeting. Information that was requested; break down of the salary lines, break down of the transportation contracted services line.

New Business

Slate of Positions for School Year 2023/24 - tabled

Warrant- There will be a warrant later in the week. Superintendent will email School Committee members when it is ready and where it will be to be signed.

The School Committee adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent