

Chebeague Island School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Jeff Putnam. School Committee members in attendance were Courtney Doughty, Elizabeth Doughty, Nancy Earnest and Geoff Summa. Also in attendance were Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick, and community members ElizaJane Adams, Carol White, Melissa Josua-Davis and Steve Auffant.

Approval of Agenda for March 21, 2023- A motion was made by Geoff Summa to approve the agenda for March 21, 2023. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Discussion to take New Business; water and preK after Reports. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Minutes from March 7, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the minutes for March 7, 2023. Seconded by Courtney Doughty. Discussion about the wording under Fire Alarm, members stated there was confusion about what they were voting on. Further discussion and clarification later in this meeting. Motion passed 4-0-1(jp).

Correspondence- The school committee acknowledged receiving an email from Elizabeth Murphy-Lewis regarding equity at the music concert.

The school committee acknowledged receiving an email from Caitlyn Gerber regarding PreK for next school year.

Public Comment - none

Report from School Committee Chair- Jeff Putnam reminded the School Committee that there will be a joint meeting with the Town Select Board on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 at the Hall. Jeff spoke to Town Manager; Vika Wood about some discussion points including shoveling and bookkeeping. It was mentioned that we need to be concerned that our 2021 Audit is still not completed.

Technology upgrading is still being worked on. The Yarmouth technology department is advising Sarah and Bev regarding the latest proposal.

Report from Superintendent/Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick mentioned that there have been a couple big ticket items at the school recently; plumbing, fire alarm and today the freezer was being repaired. Other items that we are aware of to keep a watch on are the kitchen oven and furnace.

Report from Lead Teacher- Sarah Klein sent a letter to the School Committee. The letter included spring remote school day. Morgan Ridgway won the 5th grade essay contest for the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and placed second in the state. Tina Runge is instrumental in guiding the students through the research and writing of these essays. On Friday the USM nurses will be visiting. This is a program that gives the nursing students credit and experience working with students.

New Business

Recreation Water Supply- Steve Auffant described the water from the well at the recreation department and Kid's Place as having the same pfas levels as the school had prior to the carbon filter system. The Recreation Committee is looking to put in a carbon filtration system to lower the levels of pfas to acceptable levels. The recreation center's well is the water supply to the irrigation system for the ballfield. The recreation well was selected as the water supply to the field's irrigation system in 2000 when it was deemed the least disruptive to the residential wells in the area after a study was conducted. The Recreation Committee is concerned that the irrigation to the ballfield will cause carbon filters to be used up faster. The School Committee suggested that the Recreation Center determine the flow of the water through a flow meter.

PreK Configuration- The discussion from the last meeting continued. There was a suggestion that the Kid's Place and School might work together to find a viable solution for the education of the 3 and 4 year olds next year.

Motion: Elizabeth Doughty made a motion that the School Committee form a sub committee to look into the PreK options for next year. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 5-0-0. The Committee will consist of Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Doughty and ElizaJane Adams. Caitlyn Gerber will also be asked to be on the committee.

Old Business

Fire Alarm Update- After some follow up by Geoff Summa, it is confirmed that the equipment in the building; 1 smoke detector at the front door, a carbon monoxide detector in the kitchen and furnace room, pull stations at each exit and the system hard wired to the call center meets the minimum code requirements. A meeting was convened on Monday with Ann Kirkpatrick, Ralph Monroe, Jeff Putnam and Geoff Summa to go over the code requirements and the recommendations from the Chebeague Island Fire Chief. The proposal from Cunningham Security to update the panel, smoke detectors in every classroom and at least three in the attic, heat detectors in the kitchen and furnace room all to be tied into the new system was recommended by the Chebeague Island Fire Chief.

The previous motion (by Nancy, seconded by Elizabeth and passed unanimously) to pay for this proposal referred to it as an invoice in the minutes, that working will now be corrected.

Motion was made by Geoff Summa to pay for an updated fire panel as described in Cunningham's proposal 12120-2-0. The amount of this work will be paid for from the school's building and reserve account. Seconded by Elizabeth Doughty. Motion passed 4-1(gs)-0.

School Calendar - Motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the school calendar for 2023/2024 with some edits. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2023; Budget Workshop

Warrant- There was a warrant signed

The School Committee adjourned at 7:48PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent