

Chebeague Island School Committee
Budget Workshop
March 7, 2023
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The workshop was called to order at 5:04PM by Courtney Doughty. Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick reminded School Committee members that in a workshop there will be no votes taken. In attendance. Courtney Doughty, Elizabeth Doughty, Nancy Earnest and Geoff Summa. Discussion was about calculations for hourly salaries. Geoff Summa asked for a history of the tax valuation of Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Chebeague Island. Workshop was adjourned at 5:57PM

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Courtney Doughty. School Committee members in attendance were Elizabeth Doughty, Nancy Earnest and Geoff Summa. Also in attendance were Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick, and community members ElizaJane Adams and Vika Wood. Absent from the meeting was Jeff Putnam.

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

Minutes from February 7, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the minutes for February 7, 2023. Seconded by Elizabeth Doughty. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Correspondence- We continue to receive donations to the William Robinson Memorial Field Trip Fund in memory of Tom Calder.

Public Comment - none

Report from School Committee Chair- An email from Suzanne Rugh shared information about a webinar and introduction video from the Sadlier School on Literacy. She also shared the name of one of her colleagues that could speak to the staff and School Committee about the Science of Reading.

Report from Superintendent/Principal- Ann Kirkpatrick reported that the 100th day of school celebration was before vacation. Ann met the 3-5 class at the University of Maine at Augusta for a campus tour and a visit with artist Abbie Read who had an art installation at the university. The comments from the artist and university were that the students were engaged, asked lots of good questions and were very polite!

Report from Lead Teacher- Sarah Klein sent a letter to the School Committee. The letter included remote school day, the connection with the community that both classrooms are participating in. She also included a technology update.

Old Business

Magnet School Discussion- Ann Kirkpatrick shared the correspondence with area superintendents. There are other island schools that are looking for ways to increase their enrollment. Courtney Doughty asked for a committee to explore a magnet school concept. Their task is to bring back suggestions for the magnet/mission, determine some of the logistics for families sending their children from the mainland, and the maximum/minimum number of students for this concept to work. Committee members will be Ann Kirkpatrick, Jeff Putnum and Nancy Earnest.

Fire Alarm Update- We received a quote from Cunningham Security to update the panel and included smoke and heat detectors including in the attic to be tied into the new system. There was a discussion about how we received occupancy after the renovation. There will be more follow up with the architect, general contractor, code enforcement officer for the town and legal advice.

Motion was made by Nancy Earnest to pay the invoice for the work to update the fire alarm system in the school from the building reserve account. Seconded by Elizabeth Doughty. Motion passed 4-0-0. Superintendent is to ask if the current invoice for maintenance can be used as credit.

Furnace Update- We received an invoice from Rich Plumbing Inc. The invoice dates back 2 years and is spread over 3 fiscal years. The bill included work in the kitchen, water fountain, furnace, oil tank and work on the new water filtration system. The School Committee tabled the payment of this invoice for further review.

School Calendar - The School Committee tabled the approval of the 2023/2024 school calendar for more input from the teachers.

New Business

What does PreK look like at Chebeague Island School? There was a lengthy discussion about the age of the students coming into PreK; does the school want to have 3 year olds included in the PreKindergarten? There were positive comments given to include 3 year olds in the school. There were also challenges charged with this age group in the school building. Kids Place currently has 2 staff members, one who is a certified teacher.

Slate of Positions for School Year 2023/24 - tabled

Warrant- There was a warrant signed

The School Committee adjourned at 7:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent