

Chebeague Island School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick. School Committee members in attendance were Elizabeth Doughty, Nancy Earnest, Jeff Putnam, and Geoff Summa (6:03). School Committee absent Courtney Doughty.

Election of School Committee Chair - Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick asked for nominations for the chair. Jeff Putnam nominated Elizabeth Doughty as School Committee Chair for 2023-2024. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Elizabeth accepted the nomination. Elizabeth's nomination passed 3-0-0.

Election of School Committee Vice Chair- Elizabeth Doughty nominated Jeff Putnam for Vice Chair of the Chebeague Island School Committee for 2023-2024. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Jeff accepted the nomination. Jeff's nomination passed 3-0-0.

Approval of Agenda for June 20, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the agenda for June 20, 2023. Seconded by Jeff Putnam. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from June 6, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the minutes for June 6, 2023. Seconded by Jeff Putnam. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Correspondence- The Superintendent and Chair received an email from Penny Wahlstrom asking to have the salary of educational technicians be the same as surrounding districts. The Superintendent responded by explaining the budget process. The School Committee and Superintendent received 2 emails from Erika Neumann. The first asking for transparency and use of best practices in communication from the school administration and School Committee. In the second email Erika shared examples of proactive communication.

Carol White sent the School Committee an email with the remedy for the positive coliform test. A valve was installed in the auxiliary tank to allow for period draining, flushing and periodic sanitation if needed. Jon Rich installed the valve and Will from Air and Water Quality sanitized the system on Saturday. Another water sample was collected on Monday, June 19, 2023.

Public Comment - none

Report from School Committee Chair- none

Report from Superintendent/Principal- The Superintendent reported she and Polly are working on buildings and grounds maintenance schedule for the summer; floors and mowing.

Other end of the year tasks are writing contracts and finishing and submitting Maine Department of Education reports.

A copy of Policy KE; Public Concerns and Complaints was handed out. It was accepted in 2nd reading at the May 2, 2023 meeting.

Report from Lead Teacher- Jeff Putnam spoke about the great time the students and adults had on the end of the year trip to Mystic, CT. There were four students and four adults on this trip. They went to the aquarium, toured the oldest whaling boat, slept on a ship, climbed the mast of a ship and overall had a super time!!

Old Business

Review of the FY2023 Budget Standing

There was no change since the last meeting other than payroll deductions.

Review of the REAP Grant

At the beginning of the school year there was about \$11,000 in carry over in addition to the grant itself. The grant is used to allow the students on Chebeague Island the same opportunities as students on the mainland. This year the grant was used for field trips, concerts and plays, meals and travel while on the mainland, after school programs at the school, the portion of the website not covered by the Recompense grant, the school's internet upgrade and the Island Institute trip to Cuttyhunk.

New Business

Contracts- Jeff Putnam made a motion to approve Anja Haubs for a third year contract at Chebeague Island School. This is a continuing contract. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Contracts- Nancy Earnest made a motion to approve Justina Warren for a 2nd probationary contract. Seconded by Jeff Putnam. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Technology at School Committee Meetings- Geoff Summa volunteered to look into borrowing the OWL remote meeting system from the town for SC meetings. This includes establishing a YouTube channel and setting up the system at each meeting.

School Committee Contacts- The School Committee will have a collective email where all concerns and questions are sent. There will be an automatic reply to let the person know when to expect a response to their email. Print out of the emails will be sent to school committee members before each meeting.

Tuition Students- The Superintendent will research the procedure to accept tuition students; developing an application, logistics of school time and boat schedules.

Recreation Center- School Committee will draft a letter to Steve Auffant and the Recreation Board of Directors with points of discussion. Jeff Putnam and Nancy Earnest along with Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick will represent the SC, meeting to be set.

Superintendent Review - Jeff Putnam moved that the School Committee go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 4-0-0. The School Committee went into executive session at 7:54PM. The School Committee came out of executive session at 8:35PM.

No Action taken.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

Warrant- There was not a warrant to sign.

The School Committee adjourned at 8:36PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent