

Chebeague Island School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by School Committee Chair Elizabeth Doughty. School Committee members in attendance were Courtney Doughty, Nancy Earnest and Geoff Summa. Jeff Putnam was absent. Others in attendance were Superintendent; Ann Kirkpatrick, teachers Mary Train and Heidi Donnelly and community members Bo and Meredith Beaupre and Carol White (6:52).

Approval of Agenda for September 20, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the agenda for September 19, 2023. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from September 5, 2023- A motion was made by Nancy Earnest to approve the minutes for August 22, 2023. Seconded by Courtney Doughty. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Public Comment- none

Correspondence- The Superintendent received information about vandalism happening on the playground. A note was put on Chebeague.com to make the entire community aware. The Superintendent received 2 emails with inquiry about the school's water. Emails were answered. We will have information from Carol White about the water later in the meeting.

Report from the School Committee Chair- none

Report from the Superintendent/Principal- The teachers are following the first 6 weeks protocol of easing the students back into the routine of school. During this time classroom routines and expectations are established as well as some informal assessments to determine lesson grouping later. Mrs. Klein, is helping out with tech and was at school today working on NWEA set up for the students and making sure all computers are working.

Report from Lead Teacher- Mary Train and Heidi would like to take the students on a field trip with the Island Institute on October 19 near Jefferson, Maine. This is an overnight for the TLC, but the teachers do not feel the students are ready for an overnight at this time, so they are hoping to go for the one day. Cow Island is set for October 12. There is an Open House for Chebeague Island School to welcome the community into the school on September 26, 2023 from 4:30 - 6:00.

Old Business

Water Update- Carol White has been the school's water operator since 2007. She has been water testing the school's water as mandated by the State of Maine. In 2022 all schools were tested for PFAS. Chebeague Island School water tested slightly above the threshold for PFAS. Carol worked with the School Committee and recommended that the remedy for the PFAS would be a carbon treatment. It was installed before school started in August 2022. Since the

installation of the carbon there have been other problems that have occurred once the water is inside the building. Each issue has been addressed and resolved. Water testing has continued and in August 2023 the Chebeague Island School water tested positive for E. coli. This has triggered the 'boil water notice'. Since that positive test, the water has undergone further testing that has not shown E. coli. But the one positive test makes it necessary to have further testing and additional treatment to the water. An independent (3rd party) water tester has also tested the CIS water and came to the same conclusion; no E. coli. However, they are working to complete the paperwork with the State of Maine. The water at the school should be back on line to use in 1-2 months.

At CIS, the students are drinking bottled water. Their water bottles are sent home to be washed each day. Staff and students are washing their hands with antibacterial soap followed by hand sanitizer. Lunch is limited to sandwiches or yogurt and granola. Pizza with the preschoolers on Fridays is still happening with the pizzas being cooked in the oven in the school as the pizza paddles are difficult to clean.

Policies for Review-

Chebeague Island School Toileting Policy. A motion was made by Courtney Doughty to accept the policy as written in its second reading. Seconded by Geoff Summa.

Discussion: There was a parent that asked for clarification on 'accident'. Mrs. Donnelly has answered the question. The plan is to send the policy home to the parents and get the second page returned signed. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Policies in the first reading:

ACAD- Hazing: A motion was made by Courtney Doughty to accept the ACAD-Hazing policy in its first reading. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Motion passed.

ADAA- School Committee Standards of Ethical Behavior: A motion was made by Courtney Doughty to accept the ADAA- School Committee Standards of Ethical Behavior policy in its first reading. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed.

DJH- Purchasing and Contracting: A motion was made by Geoff Summa to accept the DJH- Purchasing and Contracting policy in its first reading. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Motion passed.

DN- School Property Disposition- A motion was made by Geoff Summa to accept the DN- School Property Disposition policy in its first reading. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Motion passed.

Meeting with Yarmouth School Board in October: Topics were generated to discuss with the Yarmouth School Committee. The board topics were safety, curriculum and student readiness, PreK and Guidance.

New Business

There were 8 policies that we will begin working on for their first reading next meeting.

BED- Remote Participation in School Committee Meetings - review

BEDH- Public Participation in School Committee Meetings- needs work

EBAA- Chemical Hazards - review

EBCA- Comprehensive Health and Safety Emergency/ Management Plan - needs work

EBCC- Bomb Threats- needs work

ECB-Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds - review
ECB-E - Notice of Planned Pesticide Application - needs work
EB-R1-Safety Program Administrative Procedure- review

Review FY24 Budget Spending for July through current spending. - Documents were not available from the town office.

FY23 budget finalized- The current budget does not reflect the summer pays for the teachers.

Staffing Update -Special Education position, we have an interview scheduled

Website Recommendations:Mary Train and Christin Nadeau will be reviewing the recommendations and updating and adding information.

Warrant- There was a warrant to sign.

Executive Session A motion from Courtney Doughty, I move that the School Committee go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Employment-related matters. Seconded by Nancy Earnest. Motion passed 4-0-0.
The School Committee went into executive session at 7:44.
The School Committee came out of executive session at 8:02. No action taken.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

The School Committee adjourned at 8:04PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent