

Chebeague Island School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by School Committee Chair Elizabeth Doughty. School Committee members in attendance were Nancy Earnest (6:53), Courtney Doughty, Jeff Putnam and Geoff Summa. Also in attendance were Town Manager Vika Wood and Herb Maine. On Zoom were Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick and Lead Teacher Mary Train.

Approval of Agenda for March 21, 2024- A motion was made by Geoff Summa to approve the agenda for March 21, 2024. Seconded by Jeff Putnam. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Minutes from March 5, 2024- A motion was made by Jeff Putnam to approve the minutes for March 5, 2024. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Public Comment- none

Correspondence- none

Report from the School Committee Chair- Elizabeth will take up items throughout the agenda.

Report from the Superintendent/Principal- Students and staff are working hard and enjoying field trips and school celebrations.

Report from Lead Teacher- The school recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day with decorating shamrocks with family information. The students and staff went to a ballet in Westbrook. The students are a joy to take on field trips. Next trips will be the planetarium, and the 3 day Island Institute trip to Schoodic Peninsula. The grade 4 and 5 trip will go to Boston to wrap up their studies of the early colonies.

Old Business

School Sustainability- The community meeting was well attended with about 50 people. They were very supportive of adding students to the school for the social and educational benefits of all students. The School Committee sent a huge thank you to Elizabeth Doughty, Mary Train and Heidi Donnelly for their work in making both forums a success. There was discussion about the tuition and making the first year a pilot year to have the school work out the logistics and to attract more families after they have first hand knowledge of what CIS has to offer. There was a family that visited the island and school this week to check out the school for their children. It was a positive experience for the school and the family.

Superintendent Search- There was a candidate visit to the island and school on March 21, 2024.

New Business

FY25 School Budget- The school committee went through the changes that were made at the last meeting. There was further discussion and lines were asked to be adjusted. The changes will be made and sent to the Town Manager to put in the full town budget. Budget meeting with the Town Selectboard and the School Committee will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Hall at 6:00PM.

Warrant- There was a warrant to sign.

Executive Session- Elizabeth Doughty moved that the School Committee go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Employment-related matters. Seconded by Geoff Summa. Motion passed 5-0-0. The School Committee moved into executive session at 7:23 pm. The School Committee came out of executive session at 7:56pm. Elizabeth Doughty moved to offer the Superintendent candidate a contract for the 2024/25 school year. Seconded by Jeff Putnam. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Chebeague Island Hall at 6:00PM with the Selectboard.

The Chebeague School Committee will meet at Chebeague Island School at 5:00PM for an Executive Session.

The School Committee adjourned at 8:07PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent