

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2015

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chairperson Beverly Johnson. Present: School Committee members Beverly Johnson, Jeff Putnam, Carol White, Suzanne Rugh, and Jennifer Belesca; Superintendent/Principal Michael Pulsifer; and guests Laurie Hegarty, Chris Loder, Nancy Earnest, Geoff Summa and Laura Summa.

School Committee Group Picture

The School Committee group picture was taken for the website.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jeff Putnam and seconded by Jennifer Belesca to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff Putnam and seconded by Jennifer Belesca to approve the workshop minutes of October 17, 2015 as written. Motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Jennifer Belesca and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 2015 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence

Mike Pulsifer informed the School Committee that Yvonne Thomas from the Island Institute would be able to attend a workshop on Chebeague Island and assist the CPA and their effort of offering citizens a presentation on the topic of grieving and loss. She is available for a November 17th meeting date. Mike will call Erika Neumann to inform her of this.

The Island Institute is also available to come to Chebeague Island sometime in the future and work with staff on professional development topics, especially around Google Docs training. The current school calendar has the option for three additional early release days, and the CIS staff are possibly interested in Google Docs training, safety training and release time to inventory and review current supplies and books. Mike will keep the School Committee informed as this progresses.

Carol Sabasteanski from CTC informed us that there is a good possibility that CTC could offer two evening buses stop at YHS to help transport students to the CTC ferry on Cousins Island. As this opportunity progresses, Mike will keep the School Committee informed.

The School Committee received two emails since its last meeting, one from Caroline Loder and one from Laurie Hegarty, both giving thanks for talking to them, and offering feedback and comments from their attendance at the last meeting. It was suggested that Beverly

Johnson as chairperson could respond for the School Committee. As Laurie was in attendance at the current meeting during this update, she asked the School Committee again to consider her request to fund her son's tuition to NYA. After a lengthy conversation by those present, the School Committee remained in agreement not to fund tuition payments outside of the current approved contract obligation.

Public Comment

Geoff Summa commented to the School Committee that the Steven Blatt bill for doing the School Facility Needs Study seemed expensive, and he questioned if Steven Blatt was done with his work. The contracted amount of \$10,000 is due. A general conversation ensued, and it was agreed to pay the bill, as it was due, but to wait on engaging Steven Blatt to do the Educational Use study.

Chris Loder informed the School Committee that the 2016-16 budget development schedule is out now and the town and school work together if any bonding or capital improvement needs are discussed during this process. If the School Committee is considering work to the Chebeague Island School, this discussion may be one to have jointly with the Board of Selectmen during the budget process.

Reports

Beverly Johnson reported that she and a number of CIS staff attended the Island Institute workshops on October 29 and 30. It was a very beneficial workshop, and the CIS staff gained a lot of information that will be helpful to the school and students. Beverly also noted that she did a presentation on iMovies and learning, and it was very well attended.

Mike Pulsifer informed the School Committee that a group from Chewonki will be at CIS on November 13 to give workshops to the students on Fins and Flippers and the Chewonki Bugmobile. The costs for this visit will be covered by REAP funds.

Mike also informed the School Committee of the CIS holiday concert planned for Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 pm. This is also the same date that the School Committee has scheduled a regular meeting. The School Committee agreed to make other arrangements for that meeting date. Mike will speak to Beverly Johnson about rescheduling it.

Old Business

CIS Facility Study: The School Committee agreed that it would like to have a workshop as a full committee and to make sure and invite key stakeholders to attend to get a wide range of input. More information will follow after further research and a school use study have been completed.

Ed Tech III Job Description: A motion was made by Carol White and seconded by Jennifer Belesca to approve the second reading of the CIS Ed Tech III job description. The motion passed 4-0 (Jeff Putnam had been excused just before the vote).

New Business

Expenses for CIS: Mike Pulsifer informed the School Committee that we have three expenses to consider for the school. (1) A Building Use Study; it was agreed to not use the offer from Steven Blatt, but to pursue other architects to do the study. (2) An Alarm System; it was agreed to look into an alarm system for CIS, but to also work jointly with the town offices to see if we can link together. (3) Various Roof Repairs; Geoff Summa reported that he has inspected the roof, and the repairs for leaks have been completed, and a proposal for cleaning up the damaged insulation has been received. The costs for this work are far below what was expected. A big thank you to Geoff was given by everyone for his part in these repairs to the school. A general discussion was held on the needed upgrades that CIS is facing, and Chis Loder again suggested that the School Committee work closely with the Board of Selectmen when considering upgrades and renovations. If the possibility of jointly funding something is feasible, it should be considered.

William Robinson Field Trip Fund Donations: A report from Althea Dugliss noted that a total of \$4,575 has been donated so far, and for each donation, a thank you letter was sent to each donor. In addition, the Robinson family has been kept up to date on the donations and donors as well.

AP Warrant #7: AP Warrant #7 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for the warrant.

Adjournment

Beverly Johnson motioned and Carol White seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:59 pm. The motion was approved 4-0.