

Chebeague Island School Committee Meeting Minutes November 17, 2015

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Beverly Johnson. Present: School Committee members Beverly Johnson, Jeff Putnam, Carol White, Suzanne Rugh, and Jennifer Belesca (excused late); school staff Superintendent/Principal Michael Pulsifer, OT/Counselor Denise Sullivan and Pre-K teacher Nancy Earnest, and guests Yvonne Thomas from the Island Institute, Geoff Summa, Meredith Beaupre, Lisa Tucker, Amy Rich, Betts Mayer, Erika Neumann, Eliza Jane Adams, Althea Dugliss, Henry Hall and Denise Bonville.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh and seconded by Carol White to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed 4-0 (Jennifer Belesca not in attendance at time of vote).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff Putnam and seconded by Suzanne Rugh to approve the meeting minutes of November 3, 2015 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence

Chairperson Beverly Johnson reviewed a possible grant that CIS could apply for that would give funding to do an energy audit. The Island Institute is helping with the grant, and Geoff Summa has agreed to take the lead on this grant opportunity.

The Chebeague Parents Association (CPA) will be hosting the first meeting of their community support series on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. It will be a forum for parents and community to “support our children through grief and loss”.

Public Comment

None

Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Grade 6 Students from Harrison Middle School (HMS): Henry Hall attended the meeting to give an update to the School Committee on his first few months attending HMS in Yarmouth. Some highlighted comments were as follows:

- It was tough getting used to a larger school at first, a lot of transitions, it could be confusing in the beginning
- Now it is all routine, much easier, he likes the school
- Math lattice is not used by his math teacher, Henry recommends transitioning grade 5 students at CIS from using lattice in math computations during the spring in their 5th grade year
- CIS prepared him well for his studies at HMS
- Lunch time seems to be short
- Each student has google docs, and Henry was well prepared technology-wise
- Suggestion: Have the two shadow days in the spring be with both a 5th grader and a 6th grader

Raven Tucker's mom was in attendance at the meeting, and she commented that Raven was overwhelmed at first going to HMS, and the transition from CIS to HMS was harder for him. But mom also noted Raven has received good reports from his teachers and things are progressing well now.

AP Warrant #8: AP Warrant #8 was reviewed by the School Committee and approval was authorized for the warrant.

Adjournment

Suzanne Rugh motioned and Jennifer Belesca seconded to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 6:29 pm and enter into a workshop session with the CPA and Island Institute. The motion was approved 5-0.