

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

6:30 P.M.

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND SCHOOL

MINUTES

School Committee: Jen Belesca, Chair, Ken Pelton, Vice-Chair, Beverly Johnson, Jerry Wiles, and Carol White.

Administration: Superintendent Alton L. Hadley, III

Staff: Nancy Earnest and Althea Dugliss

Guests: Nancy Olney, Peter Olney, Chris Rich, Lori Rich, Rob Prescott, Sarah Prescott, Bob Earnest, Aaron Rugh, and Kelley Rich.

1. Call to Order
Jen Belesca, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. Flag Salute
Belesca led the School Committee and others present in the salute to the Flag.
3. Approval of Agenda (A)
Motion to approve the agenda.
Moved- Johnson, seconded- Wiles **Approved** **5-0-0**
4. Approval of Minutes March 2, 2010 (A)
Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2010
Moved- Pelton, seconded- White **Approved** **5-0-0**
5. Correspondence (I)
Hadley brought a request from Nancy Earnest for approval of a physical activity grant from Healthy Maine Partnership. Nancy described the project to develop a walking trail along with the grant proposal. She requested that the Superintendent be designated to sign the MOU. White suggested that the trail be located only on public lands for now.

Without objection the School Committee unanimously authorize the Superintendent to sign the MOU.

Hadley shared correspondence from Beth Dyer asking the School Committee to assist with late bus service for Greely if that should be cut from the MSAD #51 budget. The Committee will consider as it moves through the budget process.
6. Public Comment
Kelley Rich announced that the Chebeague Island Recreation Center was writing a proposal for an Island Fellow from the Island Institute. She asked the School Committee to support the proposal. Superintendent Hadley will write a letter of support.

Althea Dugliss submitted a draft calendar Ad and asked the Committee for suggestions and feedback.

Bob Earnest indicated that he was pursuing a grant for a greenhouse so that the Island School could expand the growing season for healthy foods. He shared plans and will be asking the School Committee for its support.

7. Reports (I)(D)
- School Committee Chair
None
 - Superintendent/Principal/SPED Director
None
8. Old Business (I)(D)(A)
- a. 2010/2011 Budget Discussion
Hadley asked the Committee members for feedback regarding salary increases and transportation costs. White volunteered to attend the next CTC meeting to get a sense of what we might anticipate in increased transportation expenses.
- b. Combined Maintenance Position
Wiles updated the School Committee on progress regarding a shared maintenance position. He stated that representatives from the Town, School, Recreation and the Commons have been invited to brainstorm ideas on Thursday, March 25th.
- c. MOU with School, Recreation and Town- Herb Maine
Belesca distributed MOU and asked for any changes from the School Committee. There being none, she will forward that information to Herb Maine.
- d. CC Resolution
The School Committee authorized the Superintendent to write a letter of support for the resolution proposed by the Cumberland County Superintendents that provides fair, equitable, and transparent funding of education in Maine.
9. New Business (I)(D)(A)
- a. Warrant #17
Hadley distributed Warrant #17 for the School Committee's review, questions and signatures.
- b. Harry Potter Contest Discussion
Peter Olney read a prepared statement regarding the decision to allow the CIS students to participate in this teacher driven contest (remarks attached to official minutes). Nancy Olney read a letter from Maricel Hahn, a summer resident on Chebeague Island, stating that she had concerns regarding the activity and outlined them for the Committee (letter attached to official minutes)

The Prescott's also had concerns but their remarks had more to do with the fact they felt the School had let the family down in regards to transitions to the mainland school programs.

Hadley responded to the question regarding how the decision was reached by explaining the process used for any field trip or off Island activity involving students. Three questions are always asked, what is the educational value, how will that be assessed, and what activities will the students do when they return to the classroom?

The School Committee is always involved if overnight travel is involved. Since that activity was not immediate, the Superintendent did not bring for School Committee approval.

c. MOU for Trail with Town- Nancy Earnest (This item was covered under correspondence)

10. Other Business

The School Committee revised its April meeting schedule as follows: **March 30th for April 6 and April 14th for April 20th (School Vacation).**

11. Adjourn

Without objection, Belesca adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

A- ACTION

D- DISCUSSION

I- INFORMATION