

Castine School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 – 5:00 PM
Adams School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Kathy MacArthur, followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Kathy MacArthur, Temple Blackwood, Joe Spinazola

Members/Others Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Katie Frothingham, Sheila Irvine, Tracy Lameyer, Cliff Trainor

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Temple Blackwood, seconded by Joe Spinazola, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 and February 24, 2016 meetings. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Communications

Deletra Schamle's letter about using a service dog.

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to approve the agenda as amended:

Add: G2 Spend \$8000.00 of 2015-16 Contingency on Ed Tech III, March – June 2016; H2A Discussion with Cliff Trainor, Technology; H2B Hourly Wages Discussion; H2C Special Ed Warrant Article for 2015-16 Motion passed 3-0.

F. Comments and Questions from the Public

None

G. Old Business

1. Review Non-Resident Student Tuition Policy 53e02.1

A motion was made by Temple Blackwood, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, to approve Chloe and Hazel Sheahan (re-enroll) for 2016-17 and Dylan and Tyler Varney (re-enroll) for 2016-17. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Hire and Ed Tech III with Contingency Funds

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to use \$8,000.00 from contingency to hire an Ed Tech III for the period March – June, 2016. Motion passed 3-0.

H. New Business

1. Coaching Nominations

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to hire Katrina Dagan (1/2 time for \$325.00) as Spring sports coach. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Discussion of 2016-2017 Budget

The Board discussed Version 3 of the budget, making changes.

Plus:

A) Discussion with Cliff Trainor, Technology

Cliff Trainor came to talk about technology. It was agreed that the Board would budget 10 more hours per week and that Cliff would get his Ed Tech III license.

New Business (cont'd)

B) Hourly Wages Discussion

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, to enter Executive Session at 5:55pm Pursuant to § 405 (6)(A) to discuss hourly wages. Motion passed 3-0.

Exited Executive Session at 5:59pm with the following action:

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to give the five (5) hourly staff members a 2.3% raise for 2016-2017. Motion passed 3-0.

C) Special Education Warrant Article for 2015-2016

For Town Meeting, the Board will write a warrant to spend \$12,720.00 from the Special Education Reserve Account, for a student at Bucksport, from the 2015-2016 budget.

3. Animals in Schools Policy # 5900

The Board will keep policy # 5900, revisiting it on 3/2/2016. A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to adopt the new Service Animals in Schools policy. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations Pursuant to § 405 (6)(A)

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to enter Executive Session at 6:12pm with Tracy Lameyer, Sheila Irvine, Mark Hurvitt and the Board. Motion passed 3-0.

Tracy exited Executive Session at 6:15pm; she re-entered Executive Session at 6:20pm and then exited Executive Session again at 6:23pm. No action was taken.

I. Reports

1. GSA Report

None

2. Principal's Report

The Principal's report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report

None.

4. Building and Grounds Committee Report

Temple will check out the white paint gallons in the cellar which are three years old.

I. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by Chair Kathy MacArthur.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools