

Castine School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2017 – 5:00 PM
Adams School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Kathy MacArthur, Joe Spinazola, Alyssa Radcliff

Members/Others Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Katie Frothingham, Dawn Robbins, Nancy Sayre, Tracy Lameyer, W.G. Sayre

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Communications

1. Dawn Robbins, Curriculum Coordinator – MEA Results

Dawn reported on the MEA scores. Kathy MacArthur had concerns about the online testing environment, especially for the younger students.

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve the agenda after adding H4 (Cook Discussion); H5 Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA § 405 (6)(E) Legal Rights and Duties. Motion passed 3-0.

F. Comments and Questions from the Public

None.

G. Old Business

None.

H. New Business

1. Community Childhood Learning Place, Nancy Sayre

Nancy and W.G. Sayre did a presentation on the Community Childhood Learning Place, proposed for Castine, on State Street. They have been working on this project for 2.5 years. There are behavior issues and poverty issues nationally and locally, and 74% of children in Castine 5 years old and under are living in poverty. Thus, now is a good time for this project.

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New Business (cont'd)

They will be using a cooperative curriculum, and building a quality physical environment. They brought 4 architect plans to show the Board. It is for 4 month olds – 5 year olds. The state will allow 40 children, but, currently, because of parking, it can only serve 20 children. They are a 501c3 organization, and have already raised \$100,000.00.

Nancy asked for a letter of support from the Board. Mark will draft one.

2. Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA § 405 (6)(A) on a Personnel Matter (with Principal)

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, to enter executive session at 5:55pm. Exited executive session at 6:17pm with the following action:

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to extend Katie Frothingham's contract to June 30, 2019. Motion passed 3-0.

Salary will be decided during the budget process.

3. Acknowledge Receipt of Town of Castine School Department Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Reports for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, to acknowledge the audit. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board asked Mark to call Jim Wadman, auditor, to get some details about the carry forward.

4. Hiring Cook

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, to allow the superintendent to hire the new cook and inform the Board in February. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA § 405 (6)(E) Legal Rights and Duties

A motion was made by Kathy MacArthur, seconded by Joe Spinazola, to go into executive Session at 6:18pm. Exited executive session at 6:32 with no action 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

- 1) Mark Hurvitt, Katie Frothingham and Heather Lanpher are meeting on January 6, 2017 to work on the first budget draft.
- 2) Mark will draft letter to Nancy Sayre re: Childhood Community Learning Place.

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4. Building and Grounds Committee Report

The boys' bathroom is almost done.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by Chair, Kathy MacArthur.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools

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