

Castine School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 5:00 PM
Adams School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Kathy MacArthur, Chair, followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Kathy MacArthur, Alyssa Radcliff, Joe Spinazola

Members/Others Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Jennifer Jackson, Syrus Ordway

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 April 5, 2017 meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Communications

Teacher Jenn Jackson and Syrus Ordway (8th grader) came to talk about a potential Boston trip for three chaperones (McClosky, Lameyer and McWeeny) and 7 students on June 14th. They would leave Castine early (5:00am) and return late (midnight). The Board felt that more details needed to be worked out such as: that's too long of a drive, so they should take a train or a bus to Boston from Portland. Are the chaperones up for this long day? How about the 8th graders. The Board gave preliminary approval, provided that the details could be worked out, and they reserved the right to make further decisions on this by email if need be.

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve, provided that the details can be worked out satisfactorily. Motion passed 3-0.

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve the agenda after Adding H8 (Art Camp) Motion passed 3-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None.

G. Old Business

1. Decision on Bus and Authorization to Purchase

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve the lease/purchase of 2018 Thomas bus # 320826 on a 5 year lease starting 7/1/2017, and to have Mark Hurvitt negotiate luggage racks. Additionally, the trade price agreed to for the 2013 Bluebird is \$34,650.00.

Motion passed 3-0.

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H. New Business

1. April 1, 2017 Enrollments

Noted.

2. Tuition Requests

None this month.

3. Possible Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the Purpose of Personnel Matters

None

4. To Approve Teachers Going Onto 2nd Year Probationary Teaching Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, for Jennifer Jackson and Lindsey Huntington as 2nd year probationary teachers. Motion passed 3-0.

5. To Appoint Non-Contracted Staff for the 2-17-2018 School Year

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve: Elaine Bertrand, secretary; Dennis Colson, bus driver; Jennifer Henderson, Ed Tech III; Nikki Jaffray, school nurse, Robert Kufrovich, Ed Tech III; Carol Simanton, cook. Motion passed 3-0.

6. Prepare for Town Meeting

Same as usual.

There will be a meeting with the selectmen on May 8, 2017 at 4:00pm.

7. Possible Custodian Nomination

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, for Rich Drenga, starting on May 15, 2017 at \$16.75 per hour (same salary until 6/30/2018). Motion passed 3-0.

I. Reports

1. GSA Report

June agenda item.

2. Principal's Report

None.

3. Superintendent's Report

1. Sheila Irvine and Dawn Robbins are now co-acting principals until Katie Frothingham's return from maternity leave on June 1, 2017.

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4. Building and Grounds Committee Update

Jan Ordway will be taking down a spruce on the playground before June 30, 2017. The cost will be \$650.00 - \$750.00.

Building and Grounds tour will be a June agenda item.

J. Signing of Vouchers

This was completed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Kathy MacArthur.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools

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