

Castine School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 5:00 PM
Adams School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, Heather Trainor, Elaine Bertrand, Deletra Schamle, Randall Flood, Michelle Keyo, Mary Tobey, Kelly Ann Gualtion, Tracy Lameyer, Jacob Simmons, Monique Labbe, Reporter for the *Penobscot Bay Press*

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 May 3, 2017 and May 17, 2017 meetings. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Communications

None.

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Spinazola, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve the agenda after Moving H 6, 7, and 8 to the front of H and adding H9 (Bus Request). Motion passed 3-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None.

G. Old Business

None.

H. New Business

6. Decide July and August Meetings

Meetings will be: July 7 at 4:00pm and August 11 at 4:00pm.

7. Principal Search Discussion

Much discussion on going out to advertise vs. appointing an interim. The consensus was that Castine needs someone in the building full time, the teaching piece is important, community and teacher input in the process is important, and the Board wants to take its time to get this right.

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New Business - Principal Search Discussion (cont'd)

Mark Hurvitt will advertise on June 9, and we will see how the candidate pool develops. If needed, the Board can hire a 1 year interim in August.

8. Possible Executive Session Pursuant to 405 (6)(A) Appointment of Officials/Appointees/Employees

A motion was made by Kathy MacArthur, seconded by Joe Spinazola, to enter Executive Session at 5:30pm. Exited Executive Session at 5:41pm with the following action: The Board will advertise for a teaching principal, starting date August 2017, will state “when a suitable candidate is found” in the ad.

(Joe Spinazola left for Class Night at Bucksport High School at 5:41pm).

1. Anticipated Balances Report

Mr. Hurvitt handed out the report.

2. Tuition Requests

A motion was made by Alyssa Radcliff, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, for the following tuition students for 2017-2018: Chloe and Hazel Sheahan (8th and 6th); Tyler and Dylan Varney (2nd and 5th); Ian Bowden (7th); Tobin Felger (2nd); Ira Buccholz (7th). Motion passed 3-0.

3. Award Fuel Oil Bid for the September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 Contract Year

A motion was made by Kathy MacArthur, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, for Gary’s Fuel with a quote of \$1.87 per gallon for 3,500 gallons for a total of \$6,545.00. Motion passed 3-0.

(The low bid was Dead River at \$1.82 per gallon, but that price was only good until 5/29/17).

4. Foreign Language Discussion

Alyssa Radcliff suggested a Skype program with a tutor in Madrid, and she will get some more information. Could pilot in 1 class. (Heather Trainor volunteered grades 3-4), could target Middle School (grades 6-8). Grades 1-4 appear to be interested, too. Kathy MacArthur suggested looking into Rosetta Stone. Katie Frothingham will poll all teachers at the June 19 inservice. We will follow up in July.

5. Start to Develop a Field Trip Policy

Shared the other field trip policies from the other 4 schools. Castine needs one of its own. Board members will put their thoughts together, and we will revisit in July. Probably Castine needs a Field Trip Policy as well as an 8th Grade Trip Policy.

I. Reports

1. GSA Report with Tim Seeley

Will come at a later meeting.

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Reports (cont'd)

2. Principal's Report

None.

3. Superintendent's Report

1. Bus Update

Working on acquiring the 2018 bus this summer and trading out the 2013 bus. Will keep the 2004 bus as a spare.

2. Bus Request

A motion was made by Kathy MacArthur, seconded by Alyssa Radcliff, to approve school use request for September 3, 2017. Motion passed 2-0.

3. Mr. Hurvitt also reported that they will start interviews for the cook and music teacher positions.

4. Building and Grounds Committee Update

1. Chimney Update

Will do chimney repair and will fell dead playground tree before 6/30/2017, in the 2016-2017 budget.

9. Bus Request

A motion was made by Alyssa Radcliff, seconded by Kathy MacArthur, to approve the bus request for the 2017-2018 school year.

J. Signing of Vouchers

This was completed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Chair, Kathy MacArthur.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools