

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

**Members Present:** Walter Cummings, Jessica Andrews, Cynthia Morse, and Melissa Lawrence

**Members Absent:** Meg McGarvey

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Kenneth Johnson, Principal Paul Theriault, Erin Mahar, Catherine Lee, Roberta Clark, Amy Johnson, Catherine Lee, Dana Bowen, Shannon Morang, Rachel McNally, Laura Jean Lord, Lisa Mahar, Kayla Barber, and Lisa Morrison

**Others Present:** Edward French, *Quoddy Tides*, Jeanne Peacock, Sonya Sullivan, and Kenneth Robertson

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Adjustments to the Agenda:**

Agenda item G2 will be tabled.

**C. To Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 School Committee Meeting, as Written or with Corrections, as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools**

It was moved by Cynthia Morse, seconded by Melissa Lawrence, and voted unanimously to approve the November 18, 2020 school committee meeting minutes as written.

**D. Administrative Reports:**

**1. Principal – Eastport Elementary School and Shead High School –** Principal Paul Theriault reviewed his report.

**2. School Committee –** Walter Cummings asked about the increase in remote learning. Principal Paul Theriault noted concern around the number of cases and travel and noted some people prefer remote learning. Walter Cummings asked Principal Paul Theriault to continue to monitor this. Walter Cummings asked who would cancel a game in the event of a COVID

case. Principal Paul Theriault responded that he and the superintendent would decide this. Mr. Johnson noted past practice. Jessica Andrews asked about voting on fall sports. Mr. Johnson and Paul Theriault noted MPA guidance. Mr. Johnson also reminded the board vote was positive for fall sports, but the board can still vote on winter sports if they choose to do so.

**3. Superintendent** – Superintendent Johnson appointed Hailley Bradbury as EES Ed Tech III; appointed Brandon Britt as SHS night custodian; and Mr. Johnson noted color coded updates will be reported on Friday. Mr. Johnson noted that statistically schools are proving to be the safest place.

**E. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**F. New Business**

**1. To Consider a Discussion on Snow Days**

Cynthia Morse asked about parental input. Erin Mahar stated the preference is for traditional snow days. Walter Cummings asked about make-up days. It was moved by Cynthia Morse, seconded by Jessica Andrews, and voted unanimously to continue with the traditional snow days.

**2. To Consider the Second Reading of Policy GBN, Family and Medical Leave, GBN-R1, Family and Medical Leave Administrative Procedure, GBN-R2, Maine Family and Medical Leave Administrative Procedure**

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to table action on policy GBN, Family and Medical Leave, GBN-R1, Family and Medical Leave Administrative Procedure, GBN-R2, Maine Family and Medical Leave Administrative Procedure (this policy needs 60 days prior to adoption).

**3. To Consider the First Reading of the Following Policies:**

**a. ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools: Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices**

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools: Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices.

**b. GBEBB, Staff Conduct with Students**

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy GBEBB, Staff Conduct with Students.

**c. JEA, Compulsory Attendance**

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy JEA, Compulsory Attendance.

**d. JHB, Truancy**

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy JHB, Truancy.

**G. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kenneth Johnson, Superintendent  
Secretary, ex-officio**