

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021
6:00 P.M.
SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Superintendent Kenneth Johnson, Principal Paul Theriault, Assistant Principal Roberta Clark, Erin Mahar, Catherine Lee, Hailey Bradbury, Lori McLean, Melissa Mitchell, Connie Knight, Cristiana Greenlaw, Sharon Cook, Rachel McNally, Laura Jean Lord, Lisa Mahar, Kayla Barber, and Shannon Morang

Others Present: Lora Whalen, *Quoddy Tides*, Jeanne Peacock, Sonya Sullivan, Georgie Kendall, Alberta Matthews, Tammie Chasse, Michael Sullivan, Jonathan Andrews, Tessa Ftorek, Christina Vizcarrondo, and Glenn McNally

A. Call the Meeting to Order

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

B. Adjustments to the Agenda:

To Consider a Discussion on Remote Learning

It was moved by Meg McGarvey, seconded by Melissa Lawrence, and voted unanimously to add this to the agenda as item F 1.

C. To Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2020 School Committee Meeting, as Written or with Corrections, as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

It was moved by Cynthia Morse, seconded by Jessica Andrews, and voted 4 – 0 – 1 (Meg McGarvey abstained) to approve the December 16, 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 indicated he had heard from some parents regarding sports and COVID protocols. Principal Paul Theriault responded MDOE/CDC had followed up with him. Principal Paul Theriault also assured the board safety protocols were followed protocols were followed during the basketball games. Walter Cummings stated he hopes something can be done in-house for elementary basketball.

3. Superintendent – Superintendent Johnson provided an MDOE update (COVID protocols) and facilities update (elementary roof).

E. Old Business

There was no old business.

F. New Business

1. To Consider a Discussion on Remote Learning

A discussion centered on the notification process. Jessica Andrews asked about notification and messaging. Mr. Johnson elaborated that he, the principal, and the chair acted quickly in short term knowing that the board meeting was scheduled for January 20. Cynthia Morse asked if there is a definite number in Mr. Johnson's mind that would lead to remote learning. Mr. Johnson responded that given the small community, he would air on the side of caution. Melissa Lawrence asked about the timeframe for testing. Jessica Andrews also asked about the timeframe for notification and testing dates. Principal Paul Theriault responded and shared the process as mandated by CDC protocols.

It was moved by Jessica Andrews, seconded by Melissa Lawrence, and voted unanimously to remain with in person learning at Shead High School.

It was moved by Jessica Andrews, seconded by Melissa Lawrence, and voted unanimously to resume in person learning at Eastport Elementary School on January 25, 2021.

2. To Consider Awarding the Mary B. Walsh Scholarship to Sarah Bartlett

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to award the Mary B. Walsh Scholarship to Sarah Bartlett.

3. To Consider Adoption of the Following Policies:

a. 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 Meg McGarvey, seconded by Jessica Andrews, and voted unanimously to adopt 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).

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

It was moved by Jessica Andrews, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to adopt policy ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools: Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices.

Further discussion on different versions of policies. Georgie Kendall informed the board she (through Healthy Acadia) can offer assistance in policy revision and other support such as signage, prevention strategies, and a mini grant opportunity.

c. GBEBB, Staff Conduct with Students

It was moved by Jessica Andrews, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to adopt policy GBEBB, Staff Conduct with Students.

c. JEA, Compulsory Attendance

It was moved by Jessica Andrews, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to adopt policy JEA, Compulsory Attendance.

d. JHB, Truancy

It was moved by Jessica Andrews, seconded by Cynthia Morse, and voted unanimously to adopt policy JHB, Truancy.

4. To Consider Changing the Date of the February School Committee Meeting due to Vacation Week

It was moved by Melissa Lawrence, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to hold the February school committee meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Johnson, Superintendent
Secretary, ex-officio