

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Shead High School**

Members Present: William Bradbury, Jon Calame, Richard Clark, Meg McGarvey, and Elizabeth Hastings-Renner

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Superintendent Kenneth Johnson, Principal Paul Theriault, Melissa Mitchell, Catherine Lee, Erin Mahar, Damon Weston, and Leah McLean

Others Present: Jeff McLean, Shelly Thompson, and Laura Whelan, *Quoddy Tides*

A. Call the Meeting to Order

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

B. Adjustments to the Agenda:

A report on the boiler and a correction on boys' junior varsity coach will be added.

C. To Approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2017 School Committee Meeting, as Written or with Corrections, as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

It was moved by Jon Calame, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 school committee meeting, as written.

D. Administrative Reports:

1. Principal – Eastport Elementary School and Shead High School - A copy of Principal Theriault's report is attached.

2. School Committee – School Committee Member, Richard Clark, read a recent posting on the PTCO site regarding the boiler project. Mr. Clark then raised questions regarding what the PTCO is, who is in control of the site, etc. School Committee Chair Will Bradbury commented that the school department has no control over the site itself. Board member Jon Calame then asked Richard Clark about the status of the boiler project, why it hadn't been completed, and what the plan was for completion of the project. Mr. Clark responded that Mr. Calame already knew the answers to these questions based on previous board meetings. Chairman Bradbury reminded the board that originally school officials and

students were to assist in the construction, however school personnel changed during the project itself. Mr. Clark left the meeting and did not return. Jon Calame indicated his desire to discuss policy KB at the next school committee meeting and also informed the group that the Bar Foundation was releasing an RFP for a grant proposal with a due date of January 22. Mr. Calame reminded the board that the Bar Foundation was interested in the ideas generated as part of the HQ Superschool project.

Superintendent Johnson also distributed comprehensive expenditure reports on the boiler project detailing its current status. Mr. Johnson highlighted the \$10,000 contribution from the city that was originally promised and Chairman Bradbury highlighted the Eastport Port Authority's generous support of the project.

3. Superintendent – Superintendent Johnson appointed the following coaches: John Barnes, boys' junior varsity basketball; Nic Bradbury, boys' varsity basketball; Kendra MacDonald, SHS cheering coach. Superintendent Johnson reported on the boiler project.

E. Old Business

There was no old business.

F. New Business

1. Presentation from Shead Leadership Team

The Shead leadership team made a presentation to the board regarding student test scores at Shead H.S. Leah McLean, Damon Weston, and Melissa Mitchell contributed to the presentation. Board Member Jon Calame asked questions regarding the data pertaining to student progress as compared to state benchmarks, curricular alignment, and course offerings. Discussion of data also included the number of students tested and how post-secondary institutions view this and other school level data, as well as potential strategies to maximize student performance.

2. To Consider Entering an Executive Session Pursuant to Citation [1 M.R.S.A. ss 405 (6)(A)] to Discuss a Personnel Matter

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Will Bradbury, and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Time Out – 8:45 p.m.

Post Executive Session Action:

There was no post executive session action.

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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