

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018
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, Catherine Lee, Lori McLean, Rachel McNally, Melissa Mitchell, and Leah McLean

Others Present: Chris Vizcarrondo, Josh Smith, Jeff McLean, Ross Lawrence, Melissa Fredette, Michelle Thompson, and Edward French, *Quoddy Tides*

A. Call the Meeting to Order

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

B. Adjustments to the Agenda:

The appointment of a foster care liaison will be added to the Superintendent's Report.

C. To Approve the Minutes of the January 31, 2018 School Committee Meeting, as Written or with Corrections, as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to table the minutes of the January 31, 2018 school committee meeting.

D. Administrative Reports:

1. Principal – Eastport Elementary School and Shead High School – A copy of Principal Theriault's report was distributed. Mr. Theriault reported that due to low numbers, there would be no 7 & 8 grade boys basketball team for the upcoming season. He noted that students in grades 6 and below were eligible to play in the pee wee league and that this group would be able to play games in the western league (Machias area). Mr. Theriault also made the board aware of that he had received information that some groups around the country were planning a

protest/walkout on March 14 over gun violence. Mr. Theriault indicated that none of his staff had expressed interest in observing that event at this time. Mr. Theriault also read a letter from the Shead Leadership Team.

2. School Committee – Jon Calame reports he has started putting policies on line and provides a URL where they can be found. Chair Will Bradbury noted that the site is NOT the school website and asked Mr. Calame to begin posting to the school website. Mr. Calame responded that he does not have access to the school site to facilitate making posts. Mr. Bradbury suggested that Mr. Calame send materials to the Technology Coordinator Nathaniel Moore. Mr. Calame also asked if IReady data was available. Mr. Johnson indicated that it could be brought to the next school committee meeting.

3. Superintendent – Superintendent Johnson distributed a handout that documents the amount of subsidy to be received by towns in the district. Mr. Johnson highlighted the fact that Eastport’s valuation had increased significantly and that this would be reflected in the structure of the budget. Mr. Johnson reported on the status of a legislative bill designed to eliminate the penalties for those schools who did not join and SMLC. Mr. Johnson further reported that he had received a waiver from MDOE approving the extension of the services provided by the substitute gym teacher at EES. Mr. Johnson also nominated Eleody Libby as the foster care liaison and noted that funding for this position would come from Title IA funds.

E. Old Business

There was no old business.

F. New Business

1. To Consider a Discussion on the Coast Guard’s Bi-weekly Use of the EES Gym

Chair Will Bradbury expressed gratitude for the contributions made by the Coast Guard to keep citizens safe on the water and also for their help with various school projects. Board Member Meg McGarvey stated her support for the Coast Guard and indicated that it was her belief that we were all safer by allowing the members of the Coast Guard to use the facility. Parent Michelle Thompson said that her daughter had been upset by seeing an unidentified Coast Guard member coming out of the gym when school was not in session. She had talked to Chief Josh Smith and wanted to only allow the Coast Guard to use the gym when school was not in session. She submitted a request asking that she be allowed to oversee a free tutoring and kinesthetic learning program that she

would want to do in the first hour and 15 minutes of the Tuesday/Thursday Coast Guard exercise period. Paul would not accept her form. Chris Vizcarrondo also expressed her preference that the members of the Coast Guard be allowed to use the gym.

2. To Consider the First Reading of Policy KBF, Eastport Schools and Family Partnership Policy

It was moved by Jon Calame, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted 3 – 2 (Elizabeth Hastings-Renner and Richard Clark) to approve the first reading of KBF, Eastport Schools and Family Partnership Policy.

3. To Consider Adoption of the Following Policies:

a. BEDA, School Committee Meetings

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to adopt policy BEDA, School Committee Meetings.

b. IHBGA, Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to adopt policy IHBGA, Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs.

c. GBCC, Employee Use of Cell Phones

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to adopt policy GBCC, Employee Use of Cell Phones.

d. JICJ, Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to adopt policy JICJ, Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices.

4. Update on Five-Year Plan

Jon Calame raised the possibility of building into the five year plan a desire to move away from quantitative measurements such as test scores and embracing more qualitative forms assessments that were already reflected in the XQ Super School study. Mr. Calame then distributed a one page draft of the initial aspirations being considered as a basis for the formation of the five year plan.

5. To Consider Entering an Executive Session Pursuant to Statutory Citation [1 M.R.S.A. (6) (D)] to Discuss Negotiations with the Principal

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Richard Clark, and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 8:14 p.m.

Time Out – 9:07 p.m.

Post Executive Session Action

It was moved by Meg McGarvey, seconded by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, and voted unanimously to extend Paul Theriault's contract to three years with a 2% increase in year one with salary to be negotiable annually and to create a stipend position to assist Mr. Theriault and/or Bobbie Mitchell in their administrative duties.

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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