

CRANBERRY ISLES SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
School Committee Meeting
at the Longfellow School, Great Cranberry
Friday, 28 February 2020
8:45 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Amy Palmer, Board Chair; Cari Alley, board member; Darlene Sumner, board member; Dr. Marc Gousse, Superintendent; Hayley Fenton, Principal; Community Members: Ingrid Gaither, Karen Whitney, Phil Whitney, Katy Fernald, Katelyn Damon

Call to Order

Amy Palmer called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Approval of Voucher

There was no voucher at this time.

Approval of Minutes: [3 January 2020](#)

Cari Alley made a motion to approve the January 3, 2020 minutes as written. Darlene Sumner seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0)

Public Comment

A community member asked for clarification on the public comment sections of the agenda. The superintendent clarified that the first public comment is typically for items listed on the agenda and the second public comment is for any item, any speakers require board chair approval.

Reports and Updates:

- **Principal's Report**
 - Hayley Fenton shared the principal report. She will schedule boiler service at each school every fall.
- **Staffing and [School Enrollment](#) Update**
 - School Enrollment is updated on the district website weekly
- **Longfellow Lift Update**
 - Dr. Gousse continues to work with Holyoke Builders and Maine Accessibility Corps. It is likely the new lift won't be brought out to the island to be installed until better weather (April or later).
- **High School Transition Information - Draft**
 - Hayley Fenton shared the draft of the transition information. Superintendent Gousse recommended she collaborate with Swan's Island principal on some different points and report back to the board with an updated draft.
- **AOS 91 Meetings**
 - Amy Palmer shared that she had attended the AOS 91 Annual Meeting where the AOS budget was approved. She also has attended several board chair meetings.

Discussion Items

- **[Board Member Training and Professional Development](#)**
 - The Board Member training will be scheduled as a workshop. Some key points were discussed: The constituents of the board are the students. The board has 3 primary functions: Hiring and Evaluating the superintendent, developing a budget and setting policy.

- **Spring TLC Field Trip**
 - Darlene Sumner made a motion to approve the Spring TLC field trip as requested. Cari Alley seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0).
- **Handouts and Talking Points for Town Meeting**
 - The committee reviewed the draft handout for town meeting prepared by Hayley Fenton
- **Middle School Straw Poll Warrant Question**
 - The straw poll is to determine if the community would like to continue to be part of the discussion of a combined middle school
 - An explanation of this vote will be prepared and sent home in the school newsletter
- **Move to Longfellow School for 2020-2022**
 - The committee plans to proceed with the two year transitions and move to the Longfellow School for 2020-2022
 - FY 21 Budget was planned to account for this move
- **Voucher Review Process**
 - The superintendent will work with Amy Palmer, Board Chair to resolve the questions around the voucher review process.

Action Items

- None at this time.

Other Business

- The board discussed how posting of school committee agendas should be handled.

Public Comment

- None

Future Agenda Items

- High School Transition
- Voucher

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: Friday, 3 April 2020

Adjournment

Amy Palmer adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Hayley Fenton, Principal