

CRANBERRY ISLES SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
School Committee Meeting
via Zoom
Friday, 8 January 2021
8:30 a.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

Amy Palmer called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Confirmation of Board Member Attendance

Amy Palmer; board chair
Darlene Sumner, board member
Cari Alley, board member

Others in attendance

Dr. Marc Gousse; superintendent
Hayley Fenton; Principal
Nancy Thurlow; Business Manager
Julie Meltzer; Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
Josh Young; Director of Technology

Approval of Voucher

A voucher was circulated electronically yesterday. Board members will go in and sign.

Approval of Minutes: [4 December 2020](#)

Darlene Sumner made a motion to approve the [4 December 2020](#) minutes as written.
Seconded by Cari Alley. Unanimously approved (3-0)

[Public Comment](#)

Brief discussion: These decisions are very difficult to make and not made in a vacuum. Our goal is to return to in person instruction as soon as we can do so safely.

Reports and Updates:

- [Principal's Report](#)
- **High School Transitions**
- **Staffing Update**
 - **Guidance Counselor - contracted service**

Action Items:

- **Finalize FY '22 Budget**
 - Discussion: adjust carryover to bring town appropriation down
 - Vote: Cari Alley made a motion to approve the FY 21-22 school budget in the amount of \$814,204.00. Darlene Sumner seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0).

Other Business

- Question: What is the plan for returning to in person instruction?
 - The district is assessing each and every day. The plan is to return to in-person/hybrid instruction after this two week period. The Downeast COVID Task Force meets today to look at evidence of community spread and risk to the schools. What we do outside of schools impacts our ability to keep our schools open. We need people in the community to help us by wearing masks and avoiding group gatherings and we appreciate all the support we have received to date.
 - CI has symptomatic rapid testing.
 - There may be times that some schools are in person and some schools are remote based on data and what is happening in specific communities.
- Town Meeting- we will work with the town to figure out the logistics around town meeting and navigating that during the pandemic.

Public Comment - none at this time

Future Agenda Items

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: 9:00 Friday, February 5, 2021

Adjournment

Amy Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Hayley Fenton, Principal