

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 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, Lisa Mahar, Erin Mahar, and Connie Knight

Others Present: Michele Thompson, Tessa Ftorek, Barbara Barrett, Regina Grabrovac, Samantha Cottone, Chris Gardner, Chris Bartlett, Ray Comstock, Helen Charov, Michael Donahue, and Edward French, *Quoddy Tides*

A. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. Adjustments to the Agenda:

An executive session to discuss personnel will be added to the end of the agenda.

C. To Approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2017 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 approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 school committee meeting, as written.

D. Administrative Reports:

1. Principal – Eastport Elementary School and Shead High School – Helen Charov spoke on Intervention Convention as an introduction to the Principal's Report; a copy of Principal Theriault's report is attached.

2. School Committee – Chair Will Bradbury thanked Chris Gardner for the Eastport Port Authority for supporting the school and expressed a desire for continued cooperation. Mr. Bradbury also noted that Shead High School students are able to participate in the St. Croix Regional Technical Program.

Jon Calame shared a slide show presentation on data analysis of recent test scores and learning strategies.

Ms. Thompson asked how many parents attended the bullying presentation and whether there are plans to implement a similar approach at Eastport Elementary School. Principal Theriault stated he and Leah McLean will keep trying to provide continued opportunities. Will Bradbury asked Rachel if bullying prevention was discussed.

Will Bradbury asked the police officer who was present about response time; and the officer stated they could be there quickly. Will mentioned about someone who entered the building, signed in and wandered about a bit.

3. Superintendent – Superintendent Johnson reported on legislative topics and funding update, appointed the following coaches: Corey Sullivan, boys' junior high basketball; Dana Bowen, girls' junior high basketball, and appointed Constance Knight as Educational Technician II.

E. Old Business

There was no old business.

F. New Business

1. Presentation – Food Corps by Samantha Cottone and Regina Grabovac

Chair Will Bradbury and Michele Thompson expressed support for this Program.

2. To Consider a Discussion of a February School Committee Meeting (The next regularly scheduled meeting falls during vacation week)

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to hold the February meeting on Wednesday, February 28.

3. To Consider Releasing Funds from the Mary B. Walsh Scholarship to Hailey Lee

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Richard Clark, and voted unanimously to release funds from the Mary B. Walsh Scholarship to Hailey Lee.

4. To Consider the First Reading of Revisions to the Following Policies:

a. BEDA, School Committee Meetings

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy BEDA, School Committee Meetings.

b. IHBGA, Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy IHBGA, Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs.

5. To Consider the First Reading of the Following Policies:

a. GBCC, Employee Use of Cell Phones

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to approve the first reading of policy GBCC, Employee Use of Cell Phones.

b. 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 approve the first reading of policy JICJ, Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices.

6. Discussion of Proposed School and Family Partnership

Jon Calame offered to compile an electronic copy of the policy manual. Jon also asked about the possibility of combining KB and KBF. Mr. Johnson stated that policy KBF is a required policy. Michele Thompson asked if Shead High School is included; Shead is not a TIA school.

7. To Consider Entering an Executive Session Pursuant to Statutory Citation [1 M.R.S.A. ss (6) (A)] to Discuss Personnel

It was moved by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Time Out –

Post Executive Session Action

There was no post executive session action.

After exiting executive session, but prior to adjournment, the board discussed limiting a parent's access to the facility. A motion was made by Richard Clark and seconded by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner. After a discussion, the motion was then withdrawn. No board action was taken.

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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