

ROCKPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
Wednesday June 6, 2018

Chairperson Colleen Coogan called the regular meeting of the Rockport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library. Present were Nicole Altieri, Colleen Coogan, Richard Drost, Michael Kelley, and Mary Porter.. Also, present were Superintendent Robert Liebow, Recording Secretary Ingrid Keating and Rockport Police Chief John Horvath.

I. Opening of Regular Meeting

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Nicole Altieri motioned to approve the regular minutes from May 17, 2018.
Seconded: Richard Drost seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

B. Personnel Actions

RESIGN: Jennifer Olson has resigned from her position of Crossing Guard effective 6/20/2018.
Christine Keczyk has resigned from her position of Elementary Teacher effective 6/20/2018.

APPOINTED: Extended Year Services: July 9 – Aug 9, 3.5 hrs/day, Monday – Thursday

Allison Chalmers – Elementary Paraprofessional
Sue Collins – Elementary Reading Teacher
Christina Connelly – Middle School Paraprofessional
PreK-12 Speech Pathologist
Linda Kluge – Elementary Reading/Math Teacher
Leah Palazola MS/HS Math Teacher
Tasha Marshall – Pre-school Teacher
Heather Senn-Doud – MS/HS Reading Teacher
Dana Weaver – Elementary School Paraprofessional
Katie Welch – HS Paraprofessional
Laurel Wheeler – Elementary Paraprofessional
Courtney Wilson – MS/HS Teacher
Andrea Zuis – MS/HS Teacher

OTHER: Heather Senn-Doud received a permanent transfer to the position of MS/HS Reading Specialist/SPED Teacher at the beginning of the next school year.

Sharyn Perrotti received a permanent transfer to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at the beginning of the next school year.

II. Community Participation

A. Student Advisory Representative N/A

B. Public Participation N/A

III. Discussion and Recommended Action

A. Safety Recommendation

Superintendent Liebow presented an emergency response protocol proposal for “violent intruders” with the goal of having “professionally trained and tested adults overseeing age appropriate trained students to

maximize safety”. The proposal has specific information and dates when training will happen and lists items to be done or to be determined. Two hundred licenses have been purchased, for online Alice training, for all employees to complete. The program notifies him when an employee has started and completed the training. Staff will have to take a refresher training every year. The town has 8 Alice trainers on staff, who will be used to run drills early in the school year. There will be 8 stations, 4 in the elementary building and 4 in the middle and high school building that trainees will move through learning the different aspects of Alice. With the approval of Chief Horvath Mr. Liebow decided on the best “rally points”. Mr. Liebow explained that there will not be any unannounced drills, parents will have advance notice and can “opt out” their child. There will be informational nights available to parents, it was suggested that the psychologists be a part of the parent piece to explain what common language should be used at home. There was discussion on what is grade level appropriate when discussing the “counter” piece of Alice with students.

Motion: Michael Kelley motioned to approve the proposed emergency plan.
 Seconded: Mary Porter seconded the motion.
 Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Liebow thanked Chief Horvath and stated that our goal to keep everyone safe would not have worked without the professional circles that overlap and cooperation between the police and school departments.

The school committee discussed social/emotional issues, funding of safety programs and systems, and the selectmens willingness to fund the safety of the schools.

B. Essex Tech/Voc Representative Bruce Perkins

Mr. Perkins reported that there are 1400 students attending Essex Agricultural and Technical High School (EATHS) and is the only vocational school in the state to combine agriculture and Technology. The school serves 17 towns and accepts students from 38 other communities. The technology program is only offered to member communities. They receive 1200 applications for 360 seats. Rockport has 23 students who attend, 10 are new freshmen with 5 students on a waitlist. Mr. Perkins explained the different programs and how the student explores them. Seventy-five percent of the students further their education. Chairperson Colleen Coogan stated that the recruiting practices of the EATHS does not necessarily focus on the vocational student. She would like to see the EATHS help us in reaching out the students that would benefit the most from their program. Mr. Perkins says that the school follows the state admission policy which is based on grades, attendance, and an interview. There was discussion on school mission, budget, and representative.

C. School Handbook Approvals

Motion: Mary Porter motioned to approve the school handbooks with suggested general edits from the school committee.
 Seconded: Richard Drost seconded the motion.
 Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

D. Field trips N/A.

E. Policy Review/Proposals N/A

F. Warrants and Payroll

IV. Information and proposals

A. School Council Update N/A

B. Donations

Art Haven donated 10 toner cartridges, 1 HP Design Jet 5000 and 1 Lenovo software package, to be used by the RHS Art Department.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Muzio donated a Meade Model 277, 60mm, Refracting telescope with table to be used in the Rockport School System.

Sandy Bay Historical Society donated a circa 1837 bell from an old Rockport school. To be displayed in a proper location with plaque.

C. Updates

Sub-committee reports:

N/A

D Other Business

Superintendent Liebow presented and explained the April 2018 FundFlow.

V. Correspondence

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. State Reps (8/22)
- B. Superintendent Goals Proposal (8/22)
- C. Strategic Plan Proposal (9/5)
- D. School Committee Goals Proposal (9/5)
- E. Superintendent's Report/FundFlow
- E. MASC Workshop (Summer)

VII. Calendar

- A. August 22,2018, regular meeting
- B. September 5, 2018, regular meeting

VIII. Executive Session

N/A

Motion: Mary Porter motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.
Seconded: Richard Drost seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Liebow
Superintendent of Schools