

A regular business meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall Council Chambers.

School Board members present:

Mary Townsend, Chair
David Hillman
Michael Moore
Joanna Morrissey
Elizabeth Scifres

Student School Board Representatives present:

Abby Donnelly
Sasha Lennon

Meredith S. Nadeau, Superintendent of Schools

School Board members unable to attend:

John Christie, Vice-Chair
M. Kate Williams-Hewitt

Ms. Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA - none

2. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES — Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the slate of minutes as presented. Ms. Scifres seconded. (Approved 5-0)

- a) Business Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2012
- b) Workshop, Tuesday, March 27, 2012
- c) Special Business, Tuesday, March 27, 2012

3. COMMENTS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Middle School representatives, Gabrielle Raymond and Connor Thoreck, and High School representatives, Abby Donnelly and Sasha Lennon, spoke briefly on items of interest from the students' perspective.

4. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS – None. [Per policy BEDH, requests for public comment on non-agenda items must be made in writing to the Superintendent one-week in advance of a school board meeting.]

5. RECOGNITION

- a) **Costa Rican Student Exchange program** – Mark Pendarvis spoke briefly about the Costa Rican exchange program.
- b) **Nat Jordan, State Spelling Bee Champion** – Nat Jordan briefly described his experience at this year's Maine State Spelling Bee competition.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) **Vision/Mission update** - Superintendent Nadeau introduced a working version of the vision statement the work group developed -

Cape Schools open minds and open doors.

The mission of the Cape Elizabeth School District is to empower students with the academic, personal, and social knowledge and skills needed to build fulfilling and connected lives.

The CE School District values:

Community: We understand that our world in the 21st century is shrinking, and we embrace the social, political, environmental, and cultural connections that exist within our school, civic, and global community.

Academics: We strive to provide a rigorous and stimulating academic experience that encourages students to think critically, persevere through challenges, communicate effectively, and work both independently and collaboratively.

Passion: We recognize that passion is fundamental to engaged learning and can be found both inside and outside of the traditional classroom. We provide opportunities to develop and apply skills in authentic tasks which nourish creative and intellectual pursuits, and we strive to cultivate an environment that supports and protects risk-taking and individual expression in the educational process.

Ethics: We cultivate and celebrate the ethics of integrity, responsibility, empathy, and respect for self and others, as we believe these character traits are essential to the creation of an atmosphere where all can learn and grow.

The statement, along with the stakeholder feedback that was used, will be discussed at upcoming community meetings [on April 25].

- b) **Retirements/Resignations** – Superintendent Nadeau reported that district technology coordinator, Gary Lanoie, and adult programs coordinator, Karen Allen, have informed the district of their intent to retire at the end of this school year. Pond Cove speech and language pathologist, Tom Morawiec, Middle School teacher, Susan Deeves, and extended school care coordinator, Suzanne Martin-Pillsbury, have submitted their resignations.
- c) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Nadeau reported briefly on general items of interest going on within the district during the past month. The next 'coffee chat' with the superintendent will be held on Saturday, May 19. Peter Esposito is working with community services to establish a regular luncheon opportunity at the school for senior citizens.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Consideration to approve CEHS Science Team trip to Washington, D.C., April 26-30, 2012** – Mr. Moore motioned for approval of the trip as presented. Ms. Morrissey seconded. (Approved 5-0) Mr. Hillman requested a line item on the trip request forms that addresses appropriate insurance coverage requirements have been addressed.
- b) **Consideration to approve Cape Robotics trip to Anaheim, CA, April 17-21, 2012** - Ms. Morrissey motioned for approval of the trip as presented. Ms. Scifres seconded. (Approved 5-0)
- c) **Consideration to approve proposed EF Tour to England and Scotland during 2013 April school vacation by Lisa Melanson** - Ms. Morrissey motioned for approval as presented. Ms. Scifres seconded. Mr. Hillman moved to amend the pending motion that *the School Board approve and allow Lisa Melanson, in conjunction with EF Tours, to advertise the travel opportunity and to hold*

informational meetings on school grounds as set forth in the attached materials regarding Agenda Item 7c. Seconded by Mr. Moore. (Approved 5-0)

- d) **Consideration to approve an unpaid leave of absence for High School teacher Gretchen McNulty during the 2012-2013 school year** – Ms. Scifres motioned approve Gretchen McNulty’s unpaid leave of absence request for the 2012-2013 school year according to Article 12-7 of the teachers’ collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Hillman seconded. (Approved 5-0)
- e) **Consideration to approve the following athletic extra curricular staff nominations**

HIGH SCHOOL

Joyce Bell	Booktalk (50%)
Erika Rusley	Booktalk (50%)
Chris Hayward	Varsity Baseball
Mike Collar	JV Baseball
Eric Higgins	Asst Varsity Baseball (Booster funded)
Glenn Reeves	Asst Baseball (Booster funded)
Joe Henrikson	Varsity Softball
Steve Martin	JV Softball
Ben Raymond	Varsity Boys' Lacrosse
David Croft	JV Boys' Lacrosse
Sally Newhall	JV Girls' Lacrosse
Charlie Carroll	Asst Varsity Boys' Lacrosse
Doug Worthley	Head Track
Amber Cronin	Asst Track
Greg Maries	Asst Track
Andy Strout	Varsity Boys' Tennis
Sarah Sullivan	Varsity Girls' Tennis
Ben Putnam	JV Tennis
BJ Nicholson	Asst Varsity Softball (Booster funded)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Andrew Ingalls	8 th gr Baseball
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- Ms. Morrissey motioned for approval of the slate of athletic extra curricular staff nominations, with the addition of Andrew Ingalls, as presented. Mr. Hillman seconded. (Approved 5-0)

- f) **Consideration to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the Cape Elizabeth Educational Administrators Association dated July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014** - Mr. Hillman motioned to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the Cape Elizabeth Educational Administrators Association dated July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014 as set forth in a draft agreement sent from the school board to the union on April 10, 2012. Ms. Scifres seconded. (Approved 5-0)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Policy: Ms. Morrissey reported that the committee continues to discuss Policy GBEBB staff conduct with students and is moving forward on revamping the policy manual. Policy meetings have been changed from the Monday just prior to the monthly school board business meetings. The next policy committee meeting will be held on May 3.


9. SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA REQUESTS – none

- 10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS** - Budget presentation to the Town Council will be held at 7:00 pm on April 11 in the Council Chambers. *All meeting information can always be found on the district web site.*

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Moore made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Scifres seconded.
(Approved 5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Nadeau
Superintendent of Schools