

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
Shead High School**

**Members Present:** Elizabeth Hastings-Renner, Jon Calame, Meg McGarvey, and Richard Clark

**Members Absent:** William Bradbury

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Kenneth Johnson, Assistant Principal Roberta Mitchell, Catherine Lee, and Damon Weston

**Others Present:** Michele Thompson, and Edward French, *Quoddy Tides*

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Adjustments to the Agenda:**

The Subsidy Report will be added to the Superintendent's Report.

**C. To Approve the Minutes of the March 29, 2017 School Committee Meeting, as Written or with Corrections, as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools**

It was moved by Jon Calame, seconded by Meg McGarvey, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2017 school committee meeting, as written.

**D. Administrative Reports:**

**1. Principal – Eastport Elementary School and Shead High School** - A copy of Principal Theriault's report is attached.

**2. School Committee** – A thank-you was extended for the "View from the Hill" and "Paw Print Times". A data report on STAR, EMA, PSAT and SAT testing was presented.

**3. Superintendent** – Superintendent Johnson provided an update on subsidy, reported on his meeting with the Eastport Budget Committee, spoke on the bullying policy, program, and activities at EES, and stated that policies will be put on the school website.

## **E. Public Participation**

Ms. Thompson asked clarifying questions regarding achievement data presented as part of the school committee report. Discussion followed regarding what data points are used and the relative accuracy of the reports at this initial stage of collection. In addition, Ms. Thompson inquired about the possibility of posting school department policies on the school's website, whether Title IA funds could be used to support tutoring or after school programs, and whether the school committee agenda and meeting dates could be added to the city's website. Mr. Johnson indicated that policies could be posted on the website and Mr. Theriault indicated that a Title IA funded afterschool program had existed in the past; however, he noted that we now receive less Title IA funding.

Damon Weston sought guidance regarding where the boundaries between discussion a specific program and an employee responsible for administering that program. Mr. Johnson responded that it is within the scope of the board to inquire about a program; however, personnel matters are confidential.

## **F. Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **G. New Business**

### **1. To Consider/Discuss the Draft of the 2017 – 2018 Eastport School Department Budget**

No action was taken on this item but the consensus of the committee was to hold a budget workshop prior to the next school committee meeting.

## **H. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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