

**EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Shed High School**

Members Present: William Bradbury, Jon Calame, Meg McGarvey, and Richard Clark

Members Absent: Elizabeth Hastings-Renner

Staff Present: Superintendent Kenneth Johnson, Principal Paul Theriault, Erin Mahar, Lisa Morrison, Roberta Mitchell, Leah McLean, Catherine Lee, Damon Weston, and Allicia Mitchell

Others Present: Hugh French, Kristin McKinley, Michele Thompson, Christina Vizcarrondo, Mary Repole, 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:

1. To Discuss/Consider the Partnership with the Eastport Arts Center to Develop the Former Boynton High School

After reviewing a request for information from a community member, Mr. Johnson asked board member Jon Calame to share information under the School Committee Report.

2. To Appoint a Representative to Negotiate with Support Staff and to Establish a Negotiations Date

Jon Calame will be representing the school committee in negotiating with the support staff. No date was established at this time.

3. To Consider Entering Executive Session Pursuant to Statutory Citation [1 M.R.S.A. ss 405 Paragraph E] to Discuss a Legal Issue

This will be added at the end of the meeting.

C. To Approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2017 School Committee Meeting, as Written or with Corrections, as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

It was moved by Jon Calame, seconded by Richard Clark, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 15, 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 – SAT requirements were discussed. Jon Calame provided a brief summary of ideas surrounding the possible use of the Boynton School.

3. Superintendent – Superintendent Johnson appointed the following SHS coaches: Baseball, Ronald Sullivan; Softball, Dana Bowen; and Tennis, Robert Sanchez.

E. Public Participation

Michele Thompson reiterated her concerns about a perceived lack of communication and offered samples of newsletters from neighboring schools as examples of good communication. Ms. Thompson asked questions regarding the difficulty in obtaining STAR testing data. Mr. Johnson apologized for the delay and reported that he was in the process of trying to determine whether the problem was a technical issue, software limitations, or a procedural matter. Mr. Thompson also expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the Gifted and Talented Program.

Mr. Hugh French raised questions around ideas presented by board member Jon Calame on the possible uses of the former Boynton School including potential community partners, possible programming, and funding.

F. Old Business

There was no old business.

G. New Business

1. To Consider Rescheduling the April Meeting Due to Vacation

It was moved by Jon Calame, seconded by Richard Clark, and voted unanimously to reschedule the April meeting to Thursday, April 27th.

2. To Consider the Draft of the 2017 – 2018 School Calendar

It was moved by Jon Calame, seconded by Richard Clark, and voted unanimously to adopt the 2017 – 2018 school calendar and to change the September 1 vacation day to a student day and change Christmas Break to Winter Break.

3. To Consider Scheduling a Date for Negotiations:

- a. Teachers**
- b. Ed Techs**
- c. Support Staff**

By consensus, the school committee agreed to have those involved in negotiating schedule with the groups independently.

4. To Consider/Discuss the Draft of the 2017 – 2018 Eastport School Department Budget

It was moved by Will Bradbury, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to approve the second reading of the 2017 – 2018 school budget.

5. To Consider Entering Executive Session Pursuant to Statutory Citation [1 M.R.S.A. ss 405 (6) (A)] to Discuss a Personnel Issue

It was moved by Richard Clark, seconded by Jon Calame, and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Time Out – 8:45 p.m.

Post Executive Session Action:

There was no post executive session action.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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