

**JONESPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Jonesport, Maine  
August 12, 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A meeting of the Jonesport School Committee was held at Jonesport-Beals High School on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 with members present as follows: Julie Farris, Ernest Kelley Jr. and Suzen Polk-Hoffses. Also present was Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of minutes from June 17, 2020.

Motion to approve the minutes was made and the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Discussion and vote on changes to 2020-21 School Calendar.

Motion made and seconded to revise the 2020-21 calendar to reflect the first student instruction day as September 28, 2020 and to see waiver from the DOE to the 175 student-day requirement. The Board voted 3-0 to approve the calendar changes.

4. Discussion and Vote on the Reopening Plan.

Discussion included a presentation by the Superintendent to the Board and audience on the reopening plan. There was much discussion from the Board members and audience concerning the various concerns and aspects of health and safety as well as remote instruction. The Board discussed several options including all remote instruction to start, a return to in-classroom instruction exclusively and what other "hybrid" models may be available. Board members also expressed some frustration with the State requirements seemingly changing weekly and the difficulty in predicting what would change next. The Board also discussed a later return date for students to better prepare the schools and staff for in-classroom instruction.

The Board members voted 3-0 to approve the school's reopening plan.

5. Discussion and vote on CFR grant.

The School Committee voted (9-0) to authorize the Superintendent to apply for and accept \$132,993.34 in CFR reopening funds.

The School Committee adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lewis Collins  
Superintendent of Schools

