



## **Provincetown School Committee Meeting**

**PROVINCETOWN TOWN HALL  
CAUCUS HALL  
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

**Monday  
January 28, 2013  
5:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams, Cass Benson,  
Jamie Kryszkiewicz (arr 5:45p),  
Shannon Patrick, and Lory Stewart.

**Staff:** Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent  
Kim Pike, District Principal

The attendees were given a set of budget summary pages scenarios, all of which we have previously discussed. Dr. Singer told the PSC that unfortunately it is the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and they need to adopt a budget. She prepared a variety of options.

Beth continued by saying that the PSC can either adopt the last version of the budget or reduce further by choosing one of the options or a combination of options.

Lory Stewart said that we don't have to have anything until the end of February. Beth countered that we have a school policy regarding having the budget ready at this time. Dr. Singer also said the BOS and Fin Com are waiting for our budget which they expect to review in 30 minutes.

Beth then went through each scenario and its implications.

Scenario 1-1

A \$25K reduction can be achieved based on restructuring administrative staff. If this scenario is chosen we will work on the specific restructuring plan which would go into place July 1<sup>st</sup>. This brings the budget to \$3,368,784- a 3.12% increase.

Scenario 2-1

This scenario reduces the tuition line item by \$14,074 which is equivalent to the Nauset tuition for the 1 extra high school student we have in the budget. This 1 student “cushion” had been discussed and the PSC decided to leave it in rather than go back to the town for more money if we gain another student. This proposed budget would lead to a 3.45% increase.

Scenario 2-2

This proposal is a combination of the reductions above, i.e., \$25K for administrative restructuring, and \$14,074 for one Nauset tuition. If we combine these two reductions, the budget would have a 2.68% increase.

Scenario 3-1

This plan would bring the School Psychologist position to a .4 FTE and result in a savings of \$7,537. Projecting this as the only change – the increase would be 3.65% to the FY13 budget.

Scenario 3-2

This particular choice represents a combined reduction of two items which are 1.) restructuring \$25K and, 2.) \$7,537 the reduction in the psychologist’s position to a .4 totaling \$32,537 and resulting in a budget with a 2.88% increase.

Scenario 3-3

This scenario represents all three previous reductions combined:

\$25,000	restructuring
\$14,074	One Nauset tuition
<u>\$ 7,537</u>	<u>School Psychologist - .4</u>
\$46,611	Total Reduction

If chosen, this scenario would bring the increase to 2.457%.

#### Scenario 4-1

This proposal represents a \$3K decrease in supplies. (Specific items to be cut would be determined if this is selected and the reduction would be determined in the future should you select this proposal.) This would translate to a 3.79% increase.

#### Scenario 4-2

This scenario represents a combination of two reductions. They are \$3K in supplies and \$25K in restructuring. This \$28K reduction would amount to a 3.027% increase in the budget.

#### Scenario 4-3

This particular scenario includes all previous reductions plus an additional \$3K in supplies. The figures are \$25K, \$14,074, \$7,537, and (the additional) \$3K culminating in a \$49,611 reduction resulting in a 2.36% increase in the budget.

#### Scenario 5-1

This suggestion reduces the budget by \$1K taken from the Central Office line items which means an increase of 3.854% in the FY13 budget.

#### Scenario 5-2

A combination of the \$25,000. restructuring and \$1,000.cut in supplies results in the 3.08% budget increase-This scenario has no negative impact on students.

#### Scenario 5-3

This held a combination of all the reduction options - \$25K for restructuring, \$14,074 for Nauset tuition, \$7,537 for school psychologist's position, \$3K for supplies, and \$1K for the central office totaling \$50,611 with a proposed budget having a 2.34% increase.

Two members of the FinCom were in the audience and had a few questions for the Superintendent. One question referred to having money left over at the end of the year and the other had to do with the reimbursement for the

Truro students who have opted to come to Provincetown because of the IB program that the town has adopted. Also they had questions regarding the state allocations.

In reply to yet another question, Beth assured Selectman (John Santos) that the Wee Care program is financially self-sufficient and no cost to the taxpayer.

There were many questions from the PSC and they were all calmly answered by the Superintendent. A lot of thought and work had gone into the many scenarios and now the choices were up to the Committee.

There was discussion regarding the school psychologist position and Nauset tuition. Beth recommended scenario 5-2 because it had no direct negative impact on students.

After a bit more discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion: Move to adopt the budget proposed - Scenario 5.2 (restructuring the Central Office and reducing central office supplies).**

**Motion: Cass Benson Seconded: Kerry Adams Vote: 5-0-0.**

(A budget increase of 3.088%.)

The above was deemed the best option since it wouldn't impact the children – at all.

**Motion: Move to select Robert Speiser to represent Provincetown Schools on the JAFFS Committee.**

**Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz Vote: 5-0-0.**

A recess was declared at 6:20 p.m. and the meeting was scheduled to reconvene as a joint meeting with the BoS & Fin Com. The combined meeting will be carried on PTV.

Respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Gaudiano*

E. Rogers Gaudiano

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_ on February 5, 2013.

Shannon Patrick, Chair