



Provincetown School Committee Meeting

**PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL
ELMER I. SILVA LEARNING CENTER
12 Winslow Street
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

**Tuesday
January 22, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Shannon Patrick, and Lory Stewart.

Members Absent: Cass Benson and Jamie Kryszkiewicz

**Staff: Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent (excused absence)
Kim Pike, District Principal
Betty White, Business Manager**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Shannon Patrick, Chair.

AGENDA

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes: January 15, 2013

Since there were no minutes the following motion was made.

Motion: Move to table the minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

Superintendent's Update:

Dr. Singer was ill and at home thus the following motion was made.

Motion: Move to table the Superintendent's Update until the next meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

Unfinished Business:
FY-14 Budget Adoption

Betty White said that the only change that will affect the bottom line would be the school psychologist and this change is what Dr. Singer would have presented tonight.

Motion: Move to accept and adopt the budget as amended.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart

Lory Stewart felt that this budget can get trimmed yet more. She wondered about the cuts in curriculum supplies and data processing supplies and she's also against the increase for the school psychologist. Lory further felt that there are several places for cuts that would prevent us from going to a 2½ over ride.

Betty said that everything else - except for the Nauset tuition – can be cut. The Nauset tuition is up and next year it will cover grades 9 thru 12. Also, transportation will be the same whether it's for 2 grades or 4 grades.

Lory said – compared to last year's FY-12 expenditures – we are up and our numbers are shrinking. She remembers from last year that Beth & Kim were very specific about the things that they wanted. Lory has asked twice for further detail and has never seen the money left over from last year which was expended to keep from losing it - she's not happy.

Kim Pike said that – she has finalized science materials and part of that line item is for ELA and math. We are also looking for different writing materials. This will be the 4th year that we've done the math program and we did actually itemize everything - that's why the amount came down. Also, informational text is a big amount and these are pretty expensive purchases for this year.

Betty - explaining the surplus from last year – said that what we had anticipated for heating – (we had budgeted for paying 1/3 of the VMCC heating costs and we had to evacuate the building for a period of time. We paid for a bus lease (ahead) and some technology was prepaid and then there was the sick leave buy-back for Alma which was a large wind-fall.

Shannon doesn't agree with cutting the supplies .

Kerry – since the minutes of the January 15th meeting were not available – tried to remember the actual vote on the school psychologist. The vote in question from that meeting follows:

Motion: Move to leave the school psychologist right where she is.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz

Vote: 3 in favor (KA, JK, & CB) and 2 opposed (SP & LS)

Kerry said - we've gone over this and over this and if there were any areas where we can make cuts, I don't see where this would make any difference.

Motion: Move to approve the FY14 budget as written.

The vote was 1 in favor (KA) of the FY14 budget as presented and 2 opposed to the FY14 budget as presented. (Shannon Patrick & Lory Stewart)

SOI-MSBA - application for heat & roof repairs

The Massachusetts School Building Authority have been asked for help with the roofing of this building and replacement of the heating elements – and also for the gym windows.

Motion: Move to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

New Business:

JAFFS Board Member Selection

Motion: Move to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

Betty White – for the purpose of clarification – asked – you have voted to not adopt this budget as it is written? Ans: affirmative.

Policy Manual Sections G, H & I -1st reading

Shannon asked – should we table it? Lory said - no need – the rest is ready and will be presented soon.

PSC Comments

Lory Stewart read a letter regarding the playground fencing subject. At the meeting on January 15th both she and Kerry Adams agreed to form a sub-committee to look into alternative fencing. The two then invited Chris Duff – an owner from the abutting property of 6 Webster Place - to work with them on the matter. Lory made a call to Robin (a woman who had attended a previous PSC meeting and offered her help since she was very experienced in fencing varieties and needs). She made the following recommendation - remove the chain link fence and put up a stockade fence. Robin then noticed that paint was missing off the gate and it was of a lesser fence quality. She advised getting another gate and to get it without all the ornamentation. We then measured and she said that she had never been called by the school. She will get another quote. The subcommittee decided to remove the fence and replace it with a stockade fence which will cost about \$3K.

Lory continued by saying that last Thursday she wanted the report on the fencing situation placed on the agenda and it wasn't. She would like to note that she has just learned that Dr. Singer was out sick.

Kerry said that he reiterates everything that Lory has said. They had a good meeting with Mr. Duff and he agreed that the stockade proposed would be a better choice and he hopes it will happen.

It's about \$30/ft for stockade.

Shannon said that she would be interested in an actual quote and would like to hear from the fence installer.

Adjournment happened at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Gaudiano

E. Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____ on March 12, 2013.
Shannon Patrick, Chair