

Provincetown School Committee Meeting Minutes

MAY 10, 2016

PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

MEETING CALLED BY	Provincetown School Committee
TYPE OF MEETING	School Committee Meeting
CHAIRPERSON	A. Brackett
NOTE TAKER	Tal Zamir
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	Members: L. Lovati, A. Brackett, Cass Benson, Ngina Lythcott, Tracy Kachtick-Anders Others: B. Singer, K. Pike

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:39 pm by Tony Brackett, Chairperson
2. ROLL CALL - Member present: L. Lovati, A. Brackett, Cass Benson, Ngina Lythcott, Tracy Kachtick-Anders.
Administration: B. Singer, K. Pike

3. REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION	C. Benson nominates A. Brackett for chair; seconded by N. Lythcott. L. Lovati nominates C. Benson for Vice Chair; seconded by N. Lythcott.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
C. Benson nominates A. Brackett for chair; seconded by N. Lythcott. 5-0-0. L. Lovati nominates C. Benson for Vice Chair; seconded by N. Lythcott. 5-0-0.			

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Kerry Adams makes farewell speech after 3 terms on school committee. School Committee thanks K. Adams for his service.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

5. MINUTES: April 12, 2016.

DISCUSSION	MINUTES reviewed and accepted as seen below:		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Motion to accept: C. Benson Second: N. Lythcott. Vote: 4-0-0. T. Kachtick-Anders abstains.	Dr. Singer		

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: MSBA BUILDING PROJECT/ AUDITORIUM PROJECT

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	B. Singer invites new PSC members to meet with her, and do a tour of the school.
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A. Brackett makes motion to vote in approval of school choice; C. Benson seconds. 5-0-0.		
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7.3 UNFINISHED BUSINESS - PSC RETREAT

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	B. Singer hopes that PSC can find a time for retreat with administration to establish goals for the coming year. A. Brackett explains the nature of the retreat, scheduling.		
CONCLUSIONS	A. Brackett will coordinate scheduling of retreat.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None.			

8.1 NEW BUSINESS: NEW POSITION SY16

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Need a second ELL (English Language Learner) licensed teacher. Need currently exceeds a full time load for one teacher. Growing population of Jamaican students who would benefit from ELL services. Have advertized and interviewing for position. Plan is to take a salary of a cook, and pay that out of School Lunch Revolving Account. Proposing that they not replace H.R. Administrative Assistant and use that salary to fund the new position; any difference would be covered by school choice.		
CONCLUSIONS	PSC is pleased that school is addressing needs of the community.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None.			

8.2 NEW BUSINESS: ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Tuitioning one student to Orleans Elementary School; parent drives the student in the morning, student is driven home by bus in the afternoon. Next year, the student will continue in Orleans Elementary, but parent will not be able to drive student to school. Need for a bus. For FY16, will be paying tuition, paraprofessional, and transportation. Paraprofessional not covered for next year; will come out of school choice funds.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None.			

8.3 NEW BUSINESS: REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Up to May 9th; there is excess money in School Choice Account. B. Singer recommends that they spend choice money on the auditorium.		
CONCLUSIONS	PSC agrees that money should be spent. B. Singer asks for authorization to proceed with spending on the auditorium (seating, lights, refinishing the floor).		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
A. Brackett makes a motion to authorize superintendent to spend \$150,000 from School Choice Account on Auditorium; C. Benson seconds. 5-0-0.			

9. OTHER BUSINESS: Any other business that shall come before the Board and could not be anticipated within the 48-hour minimum posting requirements of the Open Meeting Laws.

DISCUSSION	C. Benson asks A. Brackett to discuss role of the PSC to new members. A. Brackett will share PSC manual with all members. A. Brackett and L. Lovati discuss tripping hazard with new construction.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

10. PSC Comments

DISCUSSION	L. Lovati and N. Lythcott: Welcomes Tracy Kachtick-Anders; N. Lythcott also commends B. Singer on resourcefulness. C. Benson: Went to the Fine Arts Work Center event, enjoyed it very much. T. Brackett: welcomes Tracy Kachtick-Anders. Thanks K. Adams for 9 years of service to the school district. Grateful to be asked on technology field trip. Suggests an hour chat with community about the school. Will do one, and will let the PSC know how it goes.		
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