

Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 3/28/18

Start time: 4:33PM / PS MEDIA CENTER

PRESENT:

Members Present:, Cass Benson, Liz Lovati, Tracy Kachtick-Anders, Ngina Lythcott

Also present: Dr. Singer

Minutes: J. Rhodes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:33PM

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comments BOS liaison informed committee about Board of Selectmen vote on article 5, 6, 7.

4. Minutes

- February 28, 2018 - Motion to accept minutes: Liz Lovati; Second: Cass Benson

VOTE: 4-0-0

5. Superintendent's Update

- **Principal Search and other vacancies**
 - Search committee has completed first round of principal candidates. Dr. Singer proposes a round two and that to be a "day in Provincetown". Two candidates are currently in Vietnam, one is in Oslo, Norway and one is in Mumbai, India.
- **Literacy Curriculum**
 - Interim principal is working with committee on a narrative writing curriculum. Hope to have professional development before the end of the year.
- **ALICE training**
 - All staff have completed an ALICE training with the Provincetown police. Working with the police department to determine next training steps.

6. Unfinished Business

- **School Safety** - Discussion regarding surveillance cameras in and out of the school.
 - Motion to do nothing at this time: Cass Benson; Seconded by Liz Lovati
 - **VOTE: 4-0-0**
 - Discussion regarding the safety of the school as a public building
- **ATM articles**

- Discussion about Article 5 on the town meeting warrant
 - Motion to recommend article 5 and motion as read by Dr Singer and as proposed by the Provincetown select board by Cass Benson; seconded by Liz Lovati
 - **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- Discussion regarding Article 6 and 7
 - Motion to recommend article 6 and 7 as proposed by the Provincetown select board by Tracy Kachtick-Anders; seconded by Cass Benson
 - **VOTE: 3-0-1**
- Discussion regarding non-profit employees of free tuition
 - Motion that the school committee is strongly in support of keeping these articles just to Provincetown residents and Provincetown employees by Tracy Kachtick-Anders; seconded by Cass Benson
 - **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- **Town Bicycle Committee Request** - Discussion regarding request by Rik Ahlberg
- **2018/19 School calendar: 2nd Reading**
 - Liz Lovati moved to adopt the proposed calendar for FY19; seconded by Cass
 - **VOTE: 4-0-0**

6. New Business

- PSC Policy: ILD - Overview provided by Dr. Singer, first read
- PSC Policy: GBEBD - overview provided by Dr. Singer, first read
- PSC Policy: JICH - overview provided by Dr. Singer, first read
- Superintendent Contract Process-committee determined timeline
- Joint meeting with recreation board of directors
 - Invite recreation board to May 2nd meeting
- Principal candidate expenses-Dr. Singer recommends paying for flight costs for the four candidates for principal. Dr. Singer estimates cost to be \$5000.
 - Discussion by committee members
 - Committee directed Superintendent to proceed

8. PSC Comments

Ms. Lythcott- Provincetown continues to need to build community. Housing and economic development are very important. Losing students due to lack of housing. Great fundraising event at the Pilgrim House.

Ms. Benson - housing in Provincetown is dire. Housing and economic development goes together and more must be done.

Ms. Lovati - no comments

Ms. Kachtick-Anders - Met someone from British Columbia who commented on the Harvest Feast; expressed her appreciation for the amazing opportunities here at Provincetown Schools

9. Adjournment

- Tracy Kachtick-Anders moved to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session and not return to open session; seconded by Tracy Kachtick-Anders.
 - **VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05pm.

10. Executive Session