

Provincetown School Committee

Thursday, August 31, 2017

3:30PM

Silva Learning Center at Provincetown High School building

Start time 3:33pm

Members present: Tony Brackett, Liz Lovati, Cass Benson

Member excuses: Ngina Lythgott, Tracy Kachtick-Anders

Staff: Dr. Beth Singer

Public Comments – No Public Comments

The purpose of this meeting was to provide information about a residential placement for a Provincetown student.

Discussions ensued about the process in finding the most appropriate school for this particular student.

A number of schools were suggested to the parent by the superintendent. The parent researched the schools, visiting some of them, and applied to four. The student was accepted to three schools. The school selected offers the best program for this student. Parent agrees to the appropriate placement found. This school has a very structured program with high ratio staff/students. The setting is community-based enabling students to learn how to live appropriately within a community.

The state of Massachusetts sets the rates of tuition based on services provided and actual costs for the student. The State approves of each school's program.

The town is responsible for the first \$40,000. The balance will be partly reimbursable via a program called "Circuit Breaker" at the rate of approximately 35%-70%, depending on the rate set by the state. Reimbursed funds will not be made available to the town until the year following this school year.

The next step is to present the cost to the town and start work on determining a funding plan. It is estimated that the cost for one school year to be in excess of \$270,000.00, not including fees associated with the student's IEP (Individualized Education Program) and travel reimbursement for parental visits. This student will enroll immediately.

No motions were made.

No votes were taken.

Motion to adjourn by Liz Lovati, 2nd by Cass Benson. 3-0

Meeting ended 3:55pm