

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes of November 13, 2001 Meeting held at the School Annex Building

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Frank Wills (Vice-Chair), Debra Trovato (Secretary), Dana Berry and William Rogers.

Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Interim Superintendent), Edward Boxer (Acting High School Principal) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

REGULAR SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30.

No visitors statements.

MINUTES:

Frank Wills made a motion to accept the minutes of October 23, 2001 as written; seconded by Debra Trovato; and so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

Dr. Traylor introduced the new School Psychologist, Janice Johnson to the committee.

Mr. Burt Wolfman, chairman of the Building Committee, gave the committee an update on the Building Project. VMES to begin it's renovations, as scheduled, on January 1; to be completed June or July. High School project to begin June or July and will take approximately one year to completion. When the project is finished, both buildings will be up to code; staying within budget.

Dr. Traylor gave an extensive slide show presentation that gave the committee an overview of the district's MCAS results. The different graphs showed improvements gained; where our district ranks with other schools statewide; where improvements need to be made, etc. Mr. Boxer filled in the committee on ways the High School is aligning the curriculum to meet the students needs to improve on MCAS. Rick Leighton also shared with the committee the ways that he is researching learning tools to help students fill in the gaps.

An overview was given on the Motta Field Restoration Project that is underway. The new irrigation system is 3/4 installed. It may be too late in the year to reseed the field; may have to be done in early spring. \$1000 check was received by Dr. Traylor from the Provincetown Lion's Club as a donation to the restoration project. The Lion's Club is also doing a fish fry fundraiser on 12/5 with all proceeds going to the project. Debra Trovato made a motion to accept, with gratitude, the \$1000 donation from the Lion's; seconded by Frank Wills; and so voted 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Some work is beginning to research the drain problem outside the PHS shop. William Rogers told the committee that town workers have been looking for where the drain ends.

Dr. Traylor informed the committee that sub-committees have met to discuss the school budget for the next school year. Each school is working on their first drafts and will meet their respective school councils for discussion. Dr. Traylor has been in touch with the town manager.

Frank Wills reported that the Long Range Financial Planning committee has a tentative meeting scheduled for 12/4 at 6:30 PM. He will call to inform members.

NEW BUSINESS;

Dana Berry made a motion to approve the Teacher Retirement Incentive for this year that was effective last year; William Rogers seconded; so voted 5-0.

Dr. Traylor presented a proposal for a school choice bus driver advertising; to be renewed annually. Frank Wills made a motion to approve to advertise for the school choice bus driver; seconded by Debra Trovato; and so voted 5-0.

The Chair brought up for discussion a possible joint committee meeting with the Truro Central School Committee. A common agenda will be drawn up by Dr. Traylor and Mr. Fortier, Truro's Superintendent, and they will be invited to the next regular school committee meeting to be held on 12/11 at 6:30 PM.

Frank Wills made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Oxtoby and the Truro School Committee with congratulations for Mr. Oxtoby being named as a member of the 2001 "All-State School Committee"; William Rogers seconded; and so voted 5-0.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

Dana Berry commented on Dr. Traylor's interview with the Banner. He gave the committee his opinions; what he agreed and disagreed with in regard to Dr. Traylor's comments.

Jessica Waugh told the committee that the Union thanks them for their retirement incentives.

She also stated that the Union would be available to discuss the ramifications of closing a high school for anyone interested in discussing such an issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown School Committee at their regular meeting on _____, 20____.

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

Title

Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary