

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 25, 2000

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Members Present: Lois Borgesi (Chair), Frank Wills (Vice-Chair), Dana Berry, William Rogers

Members Absent: Adrienne Duncan (Secretary) (excused)

Others Present: Dr. Susan Fleming (Superintendent), Mr. Rokicki (VMES Principal), Mr. Marino (PHS Principal), April Schmidt (Student Representative from PHS Principal's Advisory Committee), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary), parents, students and staff.

Call to Order: Chair Lois Borgesi called the Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

VISITORS' STATEMENTS

- Emily Anderson spoke concerning verification of the results of the election of the PHS Principal's Student Advisory Council. She also spoke concerning an official request for information on this election.

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January 11, 2000, Regular Session – *Dana Berry moved to approve as written, Frank Wills seconded, and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan).*

COMMUNICATIONS

1. VMES Parent Newsletter
2. PTA Memo concerning the teacher contract negotiations.
3. Town and City Newsletter
4. Letter of acknowledgement to Pat Sawyer, Madonna Tasha and Mark Forde for their participation in the State student identification program
5. Lois Borgesi reported on a letter from the PHS Student Advisory Committee stating that the Advisory Committee did not feel it was necessary to meet with the School Committee this month.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE

Exemplary Lessons: Ann Rogers and Freya Hemley – Mr. Rokicki spoke about the program. Ms Rogers, VMES teacher, also described the program, which has emphasized science and coordination with the State Learning Standards. Ms Rogers provided an examples of student work and Ms Fremley played a tape of class members talking about a lesson on magnets.

PLATO Pilot Project – Dr. Fleming described the PLATO software and said that the district will be piloting its use until the end of July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY 2001 School Budget – Dr. Fleming referred to budget handouts and described the changes from the FY 2000 budget. The School Committee discussed ways to present the FY 2001 Budget at the Public Hearing and the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Rokicki reported that the VMES School Council had questioned whether a 4.5% increase was adequate and had requested that there be further discussion. Dr. Fleming said she planned to attend future School Council meetings and PTA meetings to talk about the Budget and the School Building

Project. In response to a question from Lois Borgesi, Frank Wills said that the Budget sub-committee had not received clear feedback from the School Councils. Dr. Fleming clarified that the Principals had brought the sub-committee/Administration's original recommendation for a 4.5% increase to both Councils and the Councils had initially voted to approve the recommendation. Subsequently, however, the VMES Council has expressed concerns. Ms Trovato spoke concerning her recollection of the Councils' budget discussions. Mr. Marino stated that, in his discussions with the PHS Council, he had not presented the recommendation as being flexible. The School Committee discussed the possibility of changing the budget either prior to or at the Public Hearing and requested that the Council(s) present their suggestions in writing prior to the next School Committee meeting.

Budget Timeline:

Public Hearing, February 8, 2000 –

Finance Committee Meeting – to be scheduled after the Public Hearing.

Partnership Professional Development: The National Faculty – Dr. Fleming discussed the results of her survey of the teaching staff. She also discussed the proposed multi-year budget for continuing the affiliation with the National Faculty. The School Committee discussed the results of the survey and the pros and cons of continuing the affiliation. Mr. Rokicki discussed why he supported continuing the affiliation and Mr. Marino stated that he was also in support. ***William Rogers moved to approve the National Faculty Affiliation Budget for the first two years (1999-2000 and 2000-2001), Dana Berry seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan).***

Other –

- Dr. Fleming spoke about her recent presentation to school staff on the Building Project and distributed a handout to the School Committee. Dr. Fleming also distributed and discussed a handout entitled *Capital Improvements Program Requests*, dated 1/20/00. The School Committee discussed the various options for improvements and needed repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Other –

- Dana Berry reported that the Provincetown Aids Support Group (PASG) had had a building disaster and was looking for temporary space for their programs until repairs could be completed. Dr. Fleming said she would check into the possibility of offering the PASG the use of school facilities.
- Dana Berry referred to a letter received from the PTA concerning early dismissals and said he hoped the letter would receive a prompt response.
- Dana Berry mentioned requests received from parents for after-school programs for proficient students, similar to those being offered to students in-need.
- Frank Wills distributed a handout describing the Church of Saint Mary's of the Harbor After-School Program and discussed the possibility of sending a letter of acknowledgement to the Program's organizers and of offering other types of support.
- Dr. Fleming discussed the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant opportunity. By consensus, the School Committee authorized the sending of a letter to various organizations and individuals requesting their participation and suggestions for Learning Center programs.

Frank Wills moved at 9:10 P.M. to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-Union contracts, William Rogers seconded, and it was so voted in a unanimous roll call vote of those School Committee members present.

Chair Lois Borgesi reconvened the Regular Session at 9:53 P.M.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Dana Berry moved to adjourn at 9:53 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

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These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown School Committee present at their meeting on _____, 200__

Respectfully Submitted:

School Committee Signature

Title

Rachel T. Crosby, On-call secretary