

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 28, 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), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary), Mr. Morrison and Ms Stapleton of The Maguire Group, parents, students and staff.

Call to Order: Chair Lois Borgesi called the Meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

VISITORS' STATEMENTS

- None

MINUTES

February 22, 2000, Regular Session – *Postponed.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Projects: Vote on Preliminary Designs and Educational Specifications –

- **VMES** - Ms Stapleton presented the Preliminary Plans for VMES as revised earlier that day by the Building Committee. *William Rogers moved to approve the Preliminary Design Plans and accompanying Educational Specifications for VMES as presented by the Superintendent and The Maguire Group, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted 4-0, 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan).*
- **PHS** - Ms Stapleton presented the Preliminary Plans for Provincetown High School as revised earlier that day by the Building Committee. *William Rogers moved to approve the Preliminary Design Plans and accompanying Educational Specifications for PHS as presented by the Superintendent and The Maguire Group, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted 4-0, 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan)*

Building Project Cost Estimate Increase and Town Meeting Article – Mr. Morrison explained that the estimate for the project was now 6.5 million dollars, including a 10% contingency. Dr. Fleming explained how the Building Committee had discussed the increased cost and said that the Building Committee had supported bringing the 6.5 million dollar project to Town Meeting in one article. Ms Stapleton estimated that there would be a savings of \$175,000 created by combining both buildings into one project.

Dr. Fleming distributed a draft Town Meeting Article for the School Building Renovation Project. *William Rogers moved to approve the article for Special Town Meeting as presented by the Superintendent, Frank Wills seconded.* Dana Berry asked how long the High School building had to be used as a school to qualify for State funding of the project and Dr. Fleming replied that she did not know if there was an exact number of years specified. Dr. Fleming explained that her understanding was that State aid would have to be repaid if the school were closed in the short term. Dana Berry distributed a document entitled “Per Student Cost Projections for Grades 7-12” and discussed the projections. Dana Berry asked whether the School Committee should be making a ten-year or more commitment to keeping the High School open if per-student

costs were projected to increase so dramatically. The School Committee and Dr. Fleming discussed the cost projections, related per-student expenses and educational philosophy issues. Lois Borgesi suggested establishing a School Committee sub-committee to study the various issues and Frank Wills suggested a committee consisting of a variety of individuals, similar to the Building Committee. Dana Berry stated that he felt that a vote of Town Meeting should decide whether they wanted to fund a High School for the next ten years and said he therefore favored presenting two Town Meeting articles, one for each school.

The Committee voted to approve the motion, 3-1 (Dana Berry), 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan).

Capital Improvement Articles, FY 2001 – Dr. Fleming referred to her memo, dated February 24, 2000 and explained the options. The Committee discussed what improvements the articles would and should cover. Dr. Fleming confirmed that the School Committee would be meeting again with the Finance Committee and Lois Borgesi said it was advisable to also arrange a meeting with the Selectmen. The School Committee discussed whether the article(s) were sufficiently funded. Dana Berry said he again favored two articles to allow Town Meeting to vote on the schools separately. *Frank Wills moved to submit one Town Meeting Article, with detailed wording, for School Building Repairs in the amount of \$175,451, William Rogers seconded, and it was so voted, 3-1, (Dana Berry), 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan).*

Other –

- Dr. Fleming discussed the issue of how the State Ward reimbursement funds should be handled per State statute. Dr. Fleming explained why she felt it might be better to postpone setting up a separate/revolving account for these funds. *Frank Wills moved to reconsider and rescind the motion made at an earlier meeting to set up a revolving account for State Ward Reimbursements, Dana Berry seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 absent (Adrienne Duncan).*

NEW BUSINESS

Other – Dr. Fleming referred to material received for the RFP for the School Building Design Services. Dr. Fleming said she planned to publish the RFP in the Central Register with the qualification that the Project was dependent on funding. After discussion, Dr. Fleming said she would discuss the publication of the RFP with the Building Committee.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

- Dana Berry referred to a recent Cape Cod Times article seeking candidates for Educational All-Stars and suggested that School Committee members submit names.
- Dana Berry reminded the Committee of the upcoming surprise party for Keith Bergman to celebrate his 10 years service as Town Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Frank Wills moved to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

School Committee Signature

Title

Rachel Crosby

Rachel T. Crosby, On-call secretary