

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2000

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### Meeting Held in the High School Annex

**Members Present:** Frank Wills (Vice-Chair), Terese Nelson (Secretary), Dana Berry, William Rogers

**Members Absent:** Lois Borgesi (Chair), Representative from the PHS Student Advisory Council

**Others Present:** Dr. Fleming (Superintendent), Mr. Rokicki (VMES Principal), Mr. Marino (PHS Principal), Ms Slivka (Director of Student Services), Jessica Waugh (PHS teacher and PAE representative), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary), parents, students and staff.

**Call to Order:** Acting Chair Frank Wills called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

## REGULAR SESSION

### VISITORS' STATEMENTS

➤ None

### MINUTES

**October 10, 2000, Regular Session – postponed.**

**May 13, 2000, Joint Meeting with Truro School Committee – postponed until either corrections can be made or until the next meeting of the Joint Committee.**

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- ⇒ Memo to Keith Bergman – Mr. Bergman has incorporated suggestions regarding the financing of the School Building Project in his ten year financial plan (see document entitled “300 School Operating and Capital Costs: Implementing the ‘Deal’ for SBA-Funded Building Repairs”).
- ⇒ Letter to NEASC – Dr. Fleming referred to and discussed her letter, dated October 12, 2000, to Mr. Daisy of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools, concerning the request for a delay in the accreditation process.

### EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- ◆ **October 1, 2000 Enrollment : Corrections** – Dr. Fleming referred to and discussed a document entitled “Student Enrollments, October 1, 2000 – Corrections, 10/24/2000”. The corrections involved where students are currently living, but did not affect the totals.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Update on FY 2001 School Budget: Line Item Changes** – Dr. Fleming referred to a spreadsheet entitled “Approved Line Item Transfers”, with a sub-section entitled “Line Item Changes”. The spreadsheet summarizes the line item transfers or changes approved to-date for FY 2001.
  - **Line Item Transfer Requests** – Terese Nelson requested that, in the future, the School Committee receive line item transfer requests at least two weeks in advance. The Committee discussed whether to consider line item transfer requests as they arose or to wait until the end of the fiscal year to do them all at once.
  - 1. **VMES Line Item Transfer** in the amount of \$150 from Psychological Supply to Health Supply – *Dana Berry moved to approve the VMES Line Item Transfer in the amount of \$150 from Psychological Supply to Health Supply, Terese Nelson seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 absent (Lois Borgesi).*

2. **SPED Line Item Transfer** in the amount of \$8,000 from SPED VMES Psych. Contracted Service to SPED PHS Psych. Contracted Services - *Dana Berry moved to approve the SPED Line Item Transfer in the amount of \$8,000 from SPED VMES Psych. Contracted Service to SPED PHS Psych. Contracted Services, Terese Nelson seconded and it was so voted, 3-0, 1 abstain (William Rogers), 1 absent (Lois Borgesi).*
  3. **PHS Technology Line Item Transfer** in the amount of \$2,800 from Inst. Technology Software to Inst. Technology Hardware – *Dana Berry moved to approve the PHS Technology Line Item Transfer in the amount of \$2,800 from Inst. Technology Software to Inst. Technology Hardware, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted, 3-0, 1 abstain (William Rogers), 1 absent (Lois Borgesi).*
  4. **SPED Line Item Transfer** in the amount of \$9,000 from Tuition to Non-Public Schools to Teacher Salary Non-Professional SPED – **postponed.**
2. **FY 2002 Budget Update** – Dr. Fleming referred to the FY 2002 Budget Books distributed to School Committee members and also to numerous financial printouts summarizing the multiple line items in the Budget, highlighting how various items were either over or under spent in FY 2000. Dr. Fleming also referred to and discussed her memo, dated October 20, 2000, to the School Committee with the subject “Projected FY 2002 budget due to Salary, Column and Step Increase”. The memo showed that the difference due to salary, column and step increases for FY 2002 will amount to \$129,224.19, assuming no staff changes (such as retirements). Dr. Fleming referred to a letter from the PAE union concerning a proposal to include part-time employees in the One-Time Early Retirement Incentive Notification Program. Terese Nelson asked that the Retirement Incentive Notification be revisited at the next School Committee meeting. *Terese Nelson moved that the School Committee revisit the Retirement Notification Incentive at the next School Committee meeting, William Rogers seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 absent (Lois Borgesi).* Dr. Fleming will notify the PAE via memo of the Committee’s intention to discuss limiting the number of incentive payments, changing the deadline dates, and including part-time employees.
  3. **Building Committee Update** – Dr. Fleming discussed the current concerns of the Building Committee and said that there was a meeting scheduled with the Maguire Group on Friday, October 27, 2000. Dr. Fleming said there has been no final decision made concerning changing the project manager.
  4. **Other**
    - Dana Berry said that the Policy Sub-Committee had completed the Compact Edition of the PSC Policy Manual and distributed copies of same.
    - William Rogers raised the issue of reserved PHS student/faculty parking and Dr. Fleming reported that neither the Parking Administrator nor the Town Manager nor the Board of Selectmen have replied with a viable proposal. The Committee discussed how to arrange a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on this issue. William Rogers said that he would draw up a certified engineer’s plan for allocating parking in the Grace Hall Lot to be included as part of a proposal to the Board of Selectmen. Dr. Fleming reported that the Parking Administrator had objected to reserved spots in Grace Hall due to enforcement issues. *Dana Berry moved to establish a sub-committee to investigate and report on student and faculty parking at the High School and that the members of the sub-committee be William Rogers, Mr. Marino and two students to be selected by Mr. Marino, William Rogers seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 absent (Lois Borgesi).*

## NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Discussion of Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Resolutions for November 1 Annual Business Meeting** – Frank Wills said that he had agreed to attend the MASC Business Meeting as Provincetown’s delegate and that Lois Borgesi had agreed to be the alternate delegate. Frank Wills referred to and discussed a packet of materials with a cover memo from Dr. Fleming to the School Committee, dated October 19, 2000, with the subject, “Information on High Standards – High Stakes Testing”. Frank Wills referred to and discussed several other documents either he and/or the School Committee had received. The Committee discussed the two proposed resolutions concerning the MCAS exams and the related graduation requirement. Dana Berry read a prepared statement entitled “Why the Provincetown School Committee Should Support the MCAS System as a Graduation Requirement”. Mr. Rokicki offered his negative comments on the MCAS, as did Ms Slivka. Ms Waugh, a PHS teacher, spoke about the lack of advanced notification from the Department of Education concerning changes in the ELA frameworks. Mr. Marino also spoke about the problems facing High School students and the issues involved in educating them. Frank Wills referred to and discussed a letter received recommending tabling the resolutions. Frank Wills said he could not agree with the recommendation to table and Terese Nelson concurred. *Frank Wills moved to support the MASC Resolution 1 concerning suspending the MCAS as a graduation*

*requirement, Terese Nelson seconded, and it was so voted, 3-1 (Dana Berry), 1 absent (Lois Borgesi). Frank Wills moved to support MASC Resolution 2 concerning opposing the use of a*