

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Meeting minutes of February 12, 2002
Meeting held in the cafeteria of the Provincetown High School**

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

Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Interim Superintendent) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

REGULAR SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

STATEMENTS:

The Chair thanked Betty White for her report and all her hard work in getting the materials ready for the meeting with the Finance Committee. She also thanked Dr. Traylor for a great presentation to the Finance Committee. Other members of the committee reiterated their thanks

MINUTES:

Debra Trovato made a motion to table the minutes from 1/29/02; seconded by Frank Wills; and so voted 4-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

Goals and objectives for the next two years with budgetary information was given to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee unanimously voted to support the school budget for next year. Frank Wills gave thanks to Dr. Traylor, Terese Nelson, and Betty White for the great presentation and materials.

Betty White explained a document handed out at the last school committee meeting that gives the figures of per pupil cost; educating a high school student, monies that come into our district because we have a high school, and what it would cost to send them out of district. Using the figures that Truro uses as a tool, this document shows that it would cost at least \$2,000 more to send our high school students out of district. Mrs. White feels that this is a low end estimate.

Dr. Traylor gave a report on the renovation project. VMES renovations are progressing nicely. Next Building Committee meeting will be held on March 5. The preschool relocated to the Community Center while some of the work was being done and are now back at VMES. Renovations upcoming in the high school were discussed and the relocation committee is working on revisions on their plans.

Dr. Traylor is accepting applications for the building principals until 2/25. Representatives from the staff, parents and the school psychologist will serve on the search committees.

The Chair brought forth to the committee how to proceed on the Superintendent's search. She has researched and informed the members that they do not need to advertise. Debra Trovato made the motion to empower the original negotiating team of Debra Trovato and William Rogers, to renegotiate with Dr. Colette Traylor to be the permanent Superintendent; William Rogers seconded. Frank Wills added the amendment: pending further clarification of the hiring/negotiating process. It was so voted 4-0 with Dana Berry abstaining.

The committee representatives will meet with Truro's representatives to discuss tuition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

After the second reading, the Pest Management Policy was adopted. The motion was made to accept the policy by Dana Berry; seconded by Frank Wills; so voted 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. John Hanlon gave the committee information on his upcoming field trip. The committee reaffirmed their support of this trip with a motion by Frank Wills; seconded by Debra Trovato; so voted 5-0.

A staff member confidentially asked that they be able to get sick days from the sick bank. Frank Wills made the motion to empower Debra Trovato and William Rogers to negotiate on this committee; seconded by Dana Berry; so voted 5-0.

They will set up to meet with Mr. Rokicki.

Dr. Traylor informed the committee of the incoming support for the Motta Field Restoration Project. The following monies have come in: Lions Club/Lobster Pot: \$6,067; Provincetown Police Association: \$1,000; American Legion: \$100; Lion's Club: \$1,000; Conwell Lumber: roofing material for dugouts, valued at \$900. There will be an upcoming chicken dinner to be held at the VFW on Saturday, March 16. Tom Reis and the Lions Club will be sponsoring. The backstop has been purchased and installed; dugouts are in; irrigation system is up and running; Cape Cod Tech will do the field work. Fencing will need to be done.

No closing statements.

The meeting was adjourned at 730 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

Title

Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary