

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of September 16, 2003
Meeting held at Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Frank Wills (Secretary), Molly Perdue and Debra Trovato.
Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Superintendent), Edward Boxer (PHS Principal), Anthony Teso (VMES Principal) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.
This meeting will be adjourned out of its Executive Session.

Keith Bergman, Provincetown's Town Manager, addressed the Committee. He gave the Committee members a handout for their perusal stating where the town stands financially. He invited the Administration and School Committee to meet with him and the Selectmen to discuss regulations and fiscal policy. Mr. Bergman would like to begin the budget process early. There was a discussion on ways to add revenues without raising taxes and/or cutting services. Mr. Bergman spoke of local tax options. His suggestion was that Dr. Traylor, the School Committee Chair, himself, and the Selectman's Chair meet to draft a timetable and to structure the upcoming meetings. Peter Grosso made the motion to pursue having a joint meeting, or meetings, with the Town Manager and Selectmen to discuss pertinent issues; Frank Wills seconded; so voted 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Burke discussed his letter in the previous week's newspaper. He reiterated that all students should be treated the same and the classroom teachers need to be aware of how students are treated and why.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of August 19, 2003 as printed; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Dr. Traylor **introduced new staff members** to the Committee as follows:
Ted Dubsy-Director of Technology; Nathaniel Bull-Industrial Arts and Technology Teacher; Janice Newell-Instructional Technology Teacher and Elizabeth Wentz-SPED Teacher. She also informed the Committee on the following changes in staff: Jessica Waugh-Curriculum and Professional Development Coordinator; Bob McKay-Guidance Director and Director of Transportation; Larry Brownell-Director of Buildings and Grounds and Lisa Colley-Athletic Director.
- Mr. Teso informed the Committee that **opening day at VMES** went very well; calling it the smoothest opening in a number of years. He told the Committee that his first obligation is the safety of students in a well-ordered, accepting and loving environment of learning.
- Mr. Boxer felt that the **opening of PHS** also went very smoothly even with the move back to the high school. Teachers and students are enjoying their new building. Dr. Traylor commended both Principals on a great opening. Peter Grosso mentioned a problem with some of the locks on the new lockers. Mr. Boxer assured him that this was being resolved.
- Dr. Traylor gave the Committee an **update on the Building Project**. There had been some vandalism at VMES over the weekend with graffiti on the side of the building. Police will be patrolling that area as well as the tennis court/field area. There will be some extended wiring done at VMES to include the Preschool in the network. The Lions Club will be hosting a dinner at the VFW to benefit the playground at VMES; coordinating will be done through the school offices. Gym doors and the stage at VMES must be adjusted for handicap accessibility. At PHS, old technology equipment must be disposed of and cable wires at PHS that were cut must be rewired. The walk-in freezer at PHS will be installed during the long October weekend. Other concerns at PHS: handles on toilets need to be installed; air conditioning has to be extended into the data lab; the back flow preventor is not working properly and must be corrected; and the gym floor asphalt outside has been redesigned.

- Lead Nurse Susan Baker has received an **acknowledgement from the American Heart Association** that Provincetown Schools raised the most money at last year's Heart Walk.

The last item in Educational Update will be saved until the end of the Regular Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9.1** Mr. Hanlon rescheduled his **overnight trip** that was approved by the Committee last spring to this fall. This trip was funded by the Lion's Club. Debra Trovato made the motion to approve this overnight trip; seconded by Frank Wills; and so voted 5-0.
- 9.2** Dr. Trailor informed the Committee that the **tennis courts** are in dire need of repair. The cost has been researched and to resurface would cost \$32,000 and the entire project with fencing and nets would cost \$50,000. Peter Grosso volunteered to work with Dr. Trailor and Mr. Boxer in researching options such as town help. Removal of tree stumps was also discussed. Frank Wills made the motion to table this issue pending further investigation; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0.
- 9.3** Dr. Trailor brought to the Committee's attention that four of the seven sections on VMES boiler #2 are not functioning. They were improperly installed. To repair the four sections would cost \$15,000; to replace the entire boiler would cost \$35,000. Insurance coverage was discussed as was the pros and cons of repair vs replacement. Peter Grosso made the motion to replace the boiler; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

CLOSING STATEMENTS;

Frank Wills showed the Committee a thank you from the "Learn to Read" students from this summer. He felt that it would be advantageous to have a list of the various activities that are available to the youngsters of the area so they can all be pulled together.

Those present made a visit to the new Curriculum Office.

The Regular Session ended at 7:45 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