

PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Meeting of March 23, 2004 Meeting held at Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Frank Wills (Secretary), Molly Perdue (excused tardy) 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 5:35 PM.

No Public Comments were heard.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2004; Frank Wills seconded for discussion; so voted 4-0.

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes for March 2, 2004; Frank Wills seconded for discussion. Dr. Wills corrected the spelling of selectman Richard Olson's last name from en to on. The vote was 4-0 with said correction.

Peter Grosso made the motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2004; Deb Trovato seconded; so voted 3-0-1 with Frank Wills abstaining.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Jessica Waugh gave the Committee an update on the **Professional Development Day held on March 15, 2004.**
- Dr. Traylor introduced the district's newly appointed **Public Relations Liaison**, Karen Jasper to the Committee. Ms. Jasper informed the Committee that her first task is to do a school survey which will include students, parents and community members. She will identify who cares about the school and has something to give to the school community. The School Relations Committee, which consists of Ms. Jasper, Dr. Traylor, Molly Perdue and Debra Trovato held its first meeting prior to the School Committee meeting. Mr. Boxer informed the Committee that eight of the ten Truro sixth graders will be entering PHS this fall.
- An **update on technology improvements** was given by Ted Dubsy and Janice Newell. Mr. Dubsy informed the Committee that all the wiring at VMES is complete. All faculty and staff have email access, Rubric Maker, Test Whiz and Smart Thinking on line. He is in the process of updating software. The Acceptable Use Policy has been implemented. PHS had all their wiring connected this past summer and fall. The twenty one station Technology Lab and nine computers in the Media Center are connected. He is completing email access. The technology curriculum is being revised based on the Massachusetts frameworks and standards. Janice Newell stated that she is working at both schools doing training for the software that is being installed. She is holding workshops for teachers and working on the website, which should be up and running next week. Frank Wills asked about researching grants from the Gates Foundation, which include hardware, software and/or cash. Mr. Dubsy stated he researches those grants as well as ones from Microsoft that donates licensed software.
- The **Provincetown Art Commission** will be returning the high school's paintings by the spring musical which begins on April 1, 2004.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 Debra Trovato reported to the Committee that she attended a selectmen's meeting. A letter was submitted to the Committee regarding the **Motta Field Proposal** stating that the Cape End Manor Board of Directors recommended that the Manor proposal using Motta Field be withdrawn. It was stated at the selectmen's meeting that there are also two other proposals being considered. Once this information is verified, Mr. Boxer will inform the students that their voices were heard. The School Committee will send a letter to the Manor Board thanking them and wishing them luck. Members will also offer their help in future endeavors.

6.2 Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that the **leasing of the Annex** is progressing.

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 The chair informed the Committee that members of the board attended a **FinCom** Budget hearing. She felt it was a good meeting with the School Committee members answering the FinCom's questions. The FinCom recommended a figure of \$250,000 towards Capital Improvements which would include the gym ceiling, gym floor and locker rooms.

The FinCom again tabled the School Committee's proposed budget asking the Committee to further cut the budget to bring it to level funding. Frank Wills made the proposal to look again at the budget to see what, if any, cuts could be made. A lengthy discussion followed, including any possible areas for cuts. Frank Wills made the motion to cut the current budget by \$60,000, details to be worked out. There was no second on this motion. The Chair made the motion to go in with the budget as proposed originally; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 4-0-1 with Molly Perdue abstaining. **7.2 Capital Improvements** were previously addressed.

7.3 Carol Wescott stepped down as a member of the **John Anderson Francis Family Scholarship Committee**. There was one applicant for the spot, Joan Barron. Frank Wills made the motion to endorse Joan Barron for the John Anderson Francis Family Scholarship Committee; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 5-0.

7.4 Dr. Traylor suggested that the **school bus replacement** be tabled until the next meeting.

7.5 Discussion on School Municipal Task Force-**Recreational Facility Improvements Planning** was also tabled.

7.6 Increasing awareness of our schools has begun. Communication to parents and students in and out of the community will be ongoing.

7.7 The Chair asked for children's art work to be hung at the town hall during **town meeting**. She will need help hanging the art; volunteers will be gathered. There will also be an open gym for parents to leave their children with supervision. The National Honor Society and Cross-age tutors will be involved.

No closing statements were heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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
