

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of May 13, 2004 Meeting held at Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson, Peter Grosso, Molly Perdue, Debra Trovato and Burt Wolfman.

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 5:00 PM.

Terese Nelson welcomed new member Burt Wolfman. She also thanked everyone for their hard work to make the previous year a good one.

REORGANIZATION:

Debra Trovato made the motion that Burt Wolfman serve as secretary; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 4-0.

Debra Trovato made the motion that Peter Grosso serve as vice-chair; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 4-0.

Peter Grosso made the motion that Terese Nelson serve as chair; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 4-0.

No public comments were heard.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of March 23, 2004 as printed; seconded by Debra Trovato; so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

Dr. Traylor informed the Committee of the need to set a joint meeting with the Truro School Committee. After discussion, Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 6PM was chosen. Dr. Traylor will get in touch with Truro.

- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that **Bob McKay, PHS Guidance Director, was granted a mini-grant in the amount of \$1,000**, with a potential for more. This grant is through Tech-Prep which connects course work in high school with college and career. Mr. McKay informed the Committee that there are eight students in Tech Prep this year and will acquire college credits while in high school. Mr. Boxer also stated that Mr. McKay had a very successful college night in April.
- The Chair thanked Debra Trovato for all her work on the **VMES Playground**. Dr. Traylor also expressed her gratitude. Mr. Teso gave the Committee an update stating that the sounds coming from the playground are pure joy. The community support was enormous and Mr. Teso has sent out many notes of thanks. He also presented Dr. Traylor and the Committee with certificates of compliance on all materials. There is still work to be done on the surrounding areas including grass, trees, water access, fencing and picnic tables. A dedication is being planned for June 18th at 1:30. A committee has been named to plan the dedication ceremony. The **PHS tennis courts** are complete with the exception of a piece of fencing that needs to be put back. The teams played their games on them this week.
- Betty White gave the Committee an update on **Capital Improvements**. The PHS gym ceiling was discussed; whether or not to go forth with a dropped ceiling or paint and repair of what is there. Debra Trovato made the motion that Dr. Traylor and Mrs. White proceed with painting and repairing the PHS gym ceiling not to exceed \$29,500; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0. The PHS gym floor will have to be put out to bid for the fall of 2005. Mrs. White is receiving specs from other towns that have had similar projects done. Peter Grosso made that motion that Dr. Traylor and Mrs. White continue with the bid process for replacement of the PHS gym floor; Burt Wolfman seconded; so voted 5-0. The locker rooms will have to be a step by step process beginning with the plumbing. Prices are being gathered for the plumbing.
- The Committee was given the **PAE meeting schedule** for the 2004-2005 school year.

Burt Wolfman made the motion to move item 6.1 between items 5.3 and 5.4; Debra Trovato seconded; so voted 5-0. Debra Trovato made the motion to temporarily table the update on the annex lease; Burt Wolfman seconded; so voted 5-0.

- Mr. Boxer gave the Committee a report on "**Night to Shine**" held at PHS gymnasium on March 3, 2004. Students work from the arts, music, industrial arts, and culinary were displayed and sampled, along with a power

point presentation. Mr. Boxer stated that credit goes to the teachers for all their hard work. The large crowd enjoyed the evening. It is planned to be the first of many.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5.1 Lisa Colley, PHS Athletic Director, gave the Committee an update on the **PHS gym dedication**. Meetings were held and the vote was unanimous that the PHS gym be dedicated to David Murphy and Elizabeth DeRiggs. Peter Grosso made the motion to support the dedication of the Provincetown High School Gymnasium in the names of David Murphy and Elizabeth DeRiggs; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 4-0.
- 5.2 Information was given to the Committee about the upcoming trip to **Nature's Classroom** that was previously approved. The trip will be to Andover, Connecticut on May 24-27. Twenty nine students will be accompanied by two teachers and one paraprofessional. The program is run by supervisors.
- 5.3 Peter Grosso made the motion to accept **budget adjustments** as proposed by Dr. Traylor; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 3-0-1 with Mr. Wolfman abstaining.
- 6.1 The Committee was informed that the 95 bus is outdated and needing to be replaced. There was a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of leasing or purchasing a bus from the Cape Cod Collaborative. Burt Wolfman suggested that a bus purchase should be placed on a Capital Improvement Article. He was informed that this just came up and was not a planned purchase. Burt Wolfman made the motion to lease another bus for the next fiscal year; Debra Trovato seconded; so voted 5-0.
- 5.4 The Committee was given the **budget for FY-04 to review**.
- 5.5 There is still a punch list for PHS to be completed. The hood in the Chem Lab has not been put in and there are heat adjustments to do in the fall. Molly Perdue made a motion to **accept the renovations of the school buildings**; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 4-0-1 with Burt Wolfman abstaining.

Burt Wolfman made the motion to take the update on **high school annex lease** off the table; Debra Trovato seconded; so voted 5-0.

The deadline in the advertisement for leasing of the annex was May 14, 2004. No interest has been shown in leasing. If the original RFP is adjusted, the process will need to be repeated. Burt Wolfman made the motion to discuss the renegotiating of the original RFP in Executive Session; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0.

- 5.6 **Retirement acknowledgements** were discussed. The practice will be to recognize retirees at PHS "Night to Shine" with a gift of acknowledgement beginning next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.2 Peter Grosso went to the **Economic Summit** to discuss how to improve the economy for Provincetown. He gave the Committee an overview of the meeting.
- 6.3 The **dedication of the VMES playground** was discussed under Educational Update.
- 6.4 Burt Wolfman made the motion to accept the PHS Student Handbook; Molly Perdue seconded for discussion; after which it was so voted 4-0.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

Burt Wolfman spoke of the district becoming magnet schools. He feels everyone should be on the same page as to what will and can be offered and that our resources are defined. He feels time should be set aside to discuss this. He was informed that a committee has been formed; surveys are out and need to be reviewed. This item will be put on a future agenda for discussion.

Debra Trovato acknowledged Dr. Frank Wills as a Committee member for all his hard work for the district.

Regular Meeting ended at 8:05 PM.

The Committee went into Executive Session to comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements (generally privacy).

Adjournment will be from Executive Session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature
Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary

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