

## PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Meeting of September 7, 2004 Meeting held at Annex building

**Present:** Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Burt Wolfman (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 4:33 PM.

No public comments were heard.

#### **MINUTES:**

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of August 10, 2004 as written, Debra Trovato seconded; so voted 5-0.

#### **EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:**

- An update was given on the **High School Annex lease**. The meetings with the Center for Coastal Studies were discussed at length. The Center preferred a ten year lease be offered. They must give up their property and need a longer commitment. A lease will not be entered into at this time but will be discussed at a later date. The Center has withdrawn their proposal.

Peter Grosso made the motion to move the following related agenda items: # 5.1 Unfinished Business and #6.3 New Business; Burt Wolfman seconded; so voted 5-0.

- Back to **High School Annex Lease discussion (with 5.1 and 6.3)**. Peter Grosso felt that the Center for Coastal Studies is offering an excellent educational component for our students. He also feels that the Center would seriously consider a ten year lease if it were offered to them. Debra Trovato suggested that the Committee go back to the Selectmen to ask for a ten year lease for the Annex building. Burt Wolfman feels that the RFP does not allow for flexibility. He suggested the Committee go back to the Selectmen with a deal in place and that dialogue should continue between the Committee and the Center. Peter Grosso felt that the Selectmen should be informed. The Chair suggested that the Committee begin to form a plan with the Center to give them classroom space in exchange for an oceanographic program for the students. Burt Wolfman made the motion (**New Business # 6.3**) of intent to support the Ocean Classroom Foundation and the Center for Coastal Studies; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0. The Chair will draft a letter thanking the Center for their generous offer to our district. Debra Trovato made the motion for a subcommittee to meet with a subcommittee from the Center to discuss annex space; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 5-0. Burt Wolfman and Peter Grosso agreed to form that subcommittee.
- Dr. Traylor gave the Committee a **Building Project Update**. The School Building Assistance Program will pay the full amount, sixty per cent reimbursement, for the School Building Project in fiscal 2006. A meeting in Mid-September will finalize this decision. Burt Wolfman made the motion to support an article for the Special Town Meeting to “increase from ten years to twenty years the period of time that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is thereby authorized to issue bonds and/or notes of the Town for \$7,250,000 in SBA-reimbursable repairs to the Provincetown High school on Winslow Street and costs related thereto...”; pending approval of bond council; seconded by Debra Trovato; so voted 5-0. An Energy Rebate from NStar was credit from the Building Project as follows: \$35,000 for VMES and \$75,000 for PHS. The credit was sent directly to the School Department for VMES but to the Town offices for PHS. Burt Wolfman made the motion to support an article for the Special Town Meeting to “see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Reserve for Appropriation Account the sum of \$75,000, which represents the energy rebate received from the Cape Light Compact, for the purpose of making electrical improvements to the Provincetown High School; or to take any other action relative thereto”; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that Mrs. Dawn Schnitzer has been hired to replace a SPED teacher that resigned.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**5.1** Dr. Traylor gave the Committee for its perusal a **financial statement from fiscal FY-04**.

5.2 The **Center for Coastal Studies Luncheon Report** was discussed under Education Update as voted.

**New Business:**

6.1 An **audit of the School Building Project** was discussed. Dr. Traylor will get clarification on who is responsible to get this done. The monies for such an audit would come from the School Building Project monies. Burt Wolfman made the motion to approve audit; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0.

6.2 Debra Trovato made the motion to approve the **PHS exhaust fan** to be installed; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 5-0.

6.3 The **motion of intent to support the Ocean Classroom Foundation** was discussed under Education Update as voted.

No closing statements were heard.

The Committee adjourned into Executive Session and will reconvene to Open Session to adjourn. Regular meeting ended at 5:40 PM.

Open Meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM

6.4 There was discussion on the granting of a new Annual All Alcohol Inn Holder Liquor License for the Crowne Pointe Inn by the Town Licensing Board. Debra Trovato made the motion to oppose the granting of a new Annual All Alcohol Inn Holder License to the Crowne Pointe Inn; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 5-0. The Chair will draft and send a letter to the Town Licensing Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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School Committee Signature

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Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary

Approved 9-23-2004