

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of December 14, 2004 Meeting held in Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Burt Wolfman (Secretary) and Debra Trovato.

Absent: Molly Perdue (Excused).

Others Present: Dr. Coletter Traylor (Superintendent), Edward Boxer (PHS Principal), Anthony Teso (VMES Principal), Elizabeth Freeman (Student Representative) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Boxer informed the Committee that Elizabeth Freeman, senior at PHS and the Student Representative to the School Committee, was accepted through early decision to Vassar College.

He also showed those present a diploma from PHS from 1885, sent to him from a woman from Wisconsin who found it at an auction. The diploma had been awarded to Jeremiah Stone Allen.

Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that all of this year's senior class of PHS has passed the MCAS Exam. Seven of the seniors scored high enough to receive the Adams Scholarships. This scholarship provides tuition for four years to a state college of the student's choice. The student must score advanced and proficient on the tests to qualify. 26.9 percent of the seniors did so. She expressed her congratulations to the following students: Zephyr Basine, Elizabeth Freeman, Jessi Silva, Adam Hobbs, Michael Locke, Jessica Morgan and Zachary Luster.

At 4:13PM, Burt Wolfman made the motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Lease of Real Estate Property; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 4-0. The Chair noted that the Committee will reconvene in Open Session.

At 5:20PM the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

MINUTES:

Debra Trovato made the motion to accept the minutes of November 30, 2004 as written; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 4-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Mr. Boxer gave the Committee an overview of staff meetings that have taken place in regard to the **Proposal of a Specialized High School**. Beginning with programs already in place, such as: the Academy of Arts, Science and Technology and the Internship Program and tapping into our rich resources with expanded community involvement. The hope is to maximize the educational opportunities for students in the district. Many different ideas and/or concerns were discussed by the staff. The goal is to utilize all academic skills in an applicable format. Long range plans include expanding on the Academy model with all students being involved. Much thought, training, and teamwork is necessary to begin the pilot program next year. Core concentrations are being worked on, also. Peter Grosso asked if all students will participate in the pilot program. Mr. Boxer informed him that it would begin on an elective basis with the long term goal to have all students participating in upcoming years. Dr. Traylor gave the Committee a brief outline of Dr. Joseph Renzulli's Accelerated School model. Burt Wolfman feels that it is essential to have a realistic timetable for implementation of the program and that the resources to do so need to be put in place. Burt Wolfman made the motion to proceed and to support the plans to put into effect a Specialized High School; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 4-0. The Committee received a calendar of meetings for the staff and Mr. Boxer invited them to come and sit in.

There was a brief discussion of possible grants.

- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that Tia Scalcione has been hired as the **Adult Education Director**. The program will start in February and run through April. Programs will be held at both schools.
- Mr. Boxer informed the Committee that PHS has been awarded three seats in the **Advanced Studies and Leadership Program** to be held this summer. This program is for 7th and 8th graders and is a four week residential program to be held at Mass Maritime. The criteria for selection were as follows: MCAS scores, current grades and citizenship. Three 7th graders and four 8th graders will vie for the three seats. Each seat will

cost \$890 plus a \$30 application fee, which will be paid for through donations and fundraising. A meeting will take place with the students and their parents for information. A faculty group will make the final selections.

- Jessica Waugh, Curriculum Coordinator gave the Committee an overview of the All Cape In-Service Day to be held on 1/14/05 to accommodate specialists. This in-service will be held in Barnstable. **Professional Development** will also be going on in-house for remaining content areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 The Specialized High School was discussed under Educational Update.

Burt Wolfman mad the motion to return to Executive Session to discuss non-union personnel; Debra Trovato seconded; so voted 4-0. The Chair will adjourn out of Executive Session.

The end of Regular Session was at 6:05PM.

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

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