

Town of Provincetown
School Committee
Veterans Memorial Elementary
Minutes of June 27, 2006

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chairperson), Peter Grosso (Vice Chair), Debra Trovato, Burton Wolfman (Secretary)

Excused: Shannon Patrick

Also Present: Jessica Waugh, Supt/Curriculum Coordinator, Anthony Teso, VMES Principal/DSS, Betty White, Administrative Assistant/Business & Finance, Alma Welsh, Administrative Assistant/Personnel, Beth Francis and Others

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Public Comment:

Beth Francis informed the Committee of the new PAE officers elected on May 17,2006: Sally Tighe, President, Beth Francis, Vice President, Carol D'Amico Treasurer, and Judy Ward, Secretary

Minutes:

The minutes of the following meetings were approved;

May 30, 2006 Moved by Deb Trovato, seconded by Terese Nelson . So voted 3-0

June 6, 2006 Moved by Deb Trovato, seconded by Terese Nelson . So voted 3-0

June 7, 2006 Moved by Deb Trovato, seconded by Terese Nelson . So voted 4-0

June 12, 2006 Moved by Peter Grosso, seconded by Deb Trovato. So voted 4-0

Educational Update:

Betty White reported on the year-end Fiscal-06 encumbrances explaining outstanding warrants and summer payrolls.

The bottom line is an unexpended balance of \$2100.32. The Committee suggested that this sum be allocated to cover pending legal expenses during the FY-06 not yet billed. Ms. White reported the FY-06 budget was able to fund sick leave buybacks for school retirees which were originally included in the FY-07 Budget (\$37,540). Ms. White also reported that the FY-06 encumbrances included funds (\$15,400) for computer hardware and software upgrades.

Ms. White sought guidance from the Committee regarding the Town's request to change the school district's accounting software in order to be compatible with that of the Town. In that the current district's accounting software conforms with the reporting requirements of the Department of Education, the Committee suggested it would be inappropriate to make such a change at this time. The Committee was informed there is an existing software conversion that could reconcile the differences between the district's program and that of the Town.

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Ms. White also informed the committee the School Choice funds were late due to the town being late in their state reporting.

Burton Wolfman made a motion to accept the audit report presented by Ms. White. Peter Grosso seconded the motion. It was so voted 4-0.

Mr. Teso reported on the paraprofessional staffing for FY-07. He stated there would be a reduction of one paraprofessional position (14 to 13). Six positions would be at the PHS and six at VMES. One position would be reserved for long-term substitute needs.

The Committee inquired about the funding for a Home Work Club. Currently there is no money in place or planned for a Home Work Club.

Mr. Teso reported on the implementation of the Summer Pre-School and Extended Day Program. Currently there are four students enrolled, two are in the extended day program as well. The program is being extensively advertised due to the late start of the programs being finalized.

New Business:

Genevieve Martin presented the details of a Spring 2007 trip to Paris. Currently fourteen 9th to 12th grade students have signed-up for the trip. After discussion Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve the Paris trip. Peter Grosso seconded. It was so voted 4-0.

At 5:10 P.M. the committee on a unanimous roll call vote, went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Ms. Nelson also stated the committee would not be returning to Regular Session to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

Date

These Minutes were approved at a meeting held on_____.