



Provincetown School Committee Meeting

**PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL
ELMER I. SILVA LEARNING CENTER
12 Winslow Street
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

**Tuesday
October 16, 2012
5:15 p.m.**

**Members Present: Kerry Adams, Cass Benson, Jamie Kryszkiewicz,
Shannon Patrick (arr. 5:43p), and Lory Stewart.**

Members Absent: none

**Staff: Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent
Kim Pike, District Principal**

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m.

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes: October 2, 2012

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting as amended.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 5-0-0

Superintendent's Update:

▪ Buildings Update-VMCC & PHS

The heating installation people are working 10 hour days and project the completion date as November 1st. Today, dust set off the fire alarms and we're looking to increase the custodial intervention to keep up with the dust.

The Finance Committee (FinCom) spent 2 hours touring this building and our portion of VMCC. Many of the FinCom members had never been in the school and one member is an alumnus (Dwayne Steele).

Tomorrow morning Beth has a meeting scheduled with the architect who designs playgrounds and they will schedule the demo of the black top to make room for the playground facility.

Today Cass Benson & Supt. Beth Singer met with the FinCom to talk about the repairs. Mark Almeida prepared a revised budget for the project which included all the contingencies – it has a 20% contingency and includes the scaffolding costs. All things have a \$1.6M need and we still have \$385K left; we've requested more money from grants.

Dr. Singer has to meet with the HDC for them to sign off. After tomorrow we will make that application and then the application to Mass Historical and they will probably need more data.

\$1.6M is not what the taxpayers will have to pay; furthermore, the taxpayers will not have to pay for it this year. That is not all quite decided and that will be a major focus of the meeting - the financing.

On Thursday, October 18th there will be a hearing at 6:p and then 7:p will have a PSC meeting. The meeting has been posted as a joint meeting to satisfy all the rules.

Suddenly the two teachers who were in attendance were noticed and the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to take Lisa Colley and Nancy Flasher out of order so they wouldn't have to endure the entire meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Shannon Patrick Vote: 5-0-0

Ratification of Article XXI of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dr. Singer said that the two teachers and she were here for ratification of an article on educator's evaluation. The three are jointly requesting a postponement and Lisa and Nancy are in attendance to answer any questions that the PSC might have.

Kerry Adams said that we'd like to have questions but we don't know what the state has put forth.

It was explained that the subject of unannounced observations of some length is still being hammered out. The teachers were most enthusiastic about the evaluations – since in the past - Kim Pike would go in and take notes and copy them. Now she goes into the classroom with her ipad and takes pictures, etc. so that they get immediate notification of how they're doing. She conducts them with her ipad so that the evaluation is immediate and can be acted upon soon.

They will return to the next meeting with something more final.

Unfinished Business:

Cost of Late Bus

There was an analysis presented by Beth which ran from October through June for 3 days/week; the cost was for 86 days @ \$50/day = \$4,300.

There were two choices given and Option 2 was selected. It suggested taking the amount for the late bus from the Student Activities Interest Earned account which contains a current balance of \$6,052.60

Motion: Move to transfer \$4,300 from the Student Activities Interest Earned account into transportation to pay for the cost of a bus 3 dys/wk from Nauset to Provincetown.

Motion: Jamie Kryszkiewicz Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 5-0-0

New Business:

Policy Manual Sections E & F-1st reading

There was no vote since it was the first reading.

PSC Comments

Jamie K. reading from Section E of the Support Services said:

The School Committee's most important function is to provide for the education of children, and it recognizes that the education of children is dependent upon many factors, including a proper physical environment that is safe, clean, sanitary, and as comfortable and convenient as the facilities will permit or the use requires.

The supervision over the care and safekeeping of property used by the school department will be the general responsibility of the Superintendent. She will work with other town departments, as necessary, to develop a comprehensive and well-defined plan for the proper maintenance,

cleanliness, and safekeeping of all school buildings and grounds to ensure that each school is equally well maintained, equipped, and staffed.

The Superintendent will establish procedures and employ such means as may be necessary to provide accurate information in regard to the nature, condition, location, and value of all property used by the school department; to safeguard the property against loss, damage, or undue depreciation; to recover and restore to usefulness any property that may be lost, stolen, or damaged; and to do all things necessary to ensure the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and safe-keeping of school property.

Beth Singer had received a complaint about the lack of light under the scaffolding whenever there is a night meeting.

Lory Stewart said that we should do something about the lack of light at the back door especially with adult education due to begin after the first of the year.

Motion: Move to ask the Superintendent to look into temporary lighting during the scaffolding phase of the repairs to the building.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 5-0-0

Kerry Adams commented that the recent actions and suggestions of the FinCom have caused us a whole lot of grief. They have suggested the high school function as a Police Station while the students are sent back to VMCC.

Beth read aloud a letter that she had entitled:

Dear Friend of Provincetown Schools:

We need your support!

The exterior of Provincetown High School needs to be repaired and restored. After 81 years of rain, wind and salt laden air, the limestone elements that define this historic building are cracking, moving, spalling, and falling.

Water infiltration is damaging the interior of the building, but the biggest problem is the continuing damage to the structure itself. No longer can we afford continued deferment of this repair and restoration to Provincetown High School.

Unfortunately, the roof also leaks causing water damage to ceilings throughout the interior. The roof can still be repaired and thus is not in the same emergency status, however, replacement of the roof needs to be done before it fails. As you know, this is our last year with high school students, but Provincetown High School is the new home of students in Kindergarten through grade 8. It is also the home of Community Education once winter settles into Town.

Your voice is needed at the **Public Hearing October 18th at 6:00 p.m.**
Your voice and your vote are needed at **Special Town Meeting October 29th.**

Please make the effort to support Provincetown Schools. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the effort. On behalf of the children, Thank you.

Cass Benson wanted to inform all attendees that Kerry Adams' two daughters will provide child-sitting services in the Town Hall Auditorium on October 18th at no charge.

Shannon Patrick's comment was that – after we put thousands of dollars into the restoration and glorification of Town Hall – the recent put-down by the FinCom is a great disappointment.

Motion: Move to go into Executive Session and not to return to the regular meeting at the Session's conclusion.

Motion: Lory Stewart Seconded: Kerry Adams Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Move to adjourn the PSC meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 5-0-0

Executive Session:

Superintendent Dr. Beth Singer's Contract; votes may be taken

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on November 13, 2012