

Judge Welsh Hearing Room
February 26, 2007
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: David Bedard, Frederic Biddle, Thomas Coen,
Gary Delius, Ruth Gilbert, Robert Vetrick,
and Walt Winnowski.

Members Absent: Alice Foley, Edward Gage, Virginia Ross, and
Thomas Thurston,

Others: Peter Grosso, Terese Nelson, Dr. Floriano Pavao,
Jessica Waugh, Betty White, and Burton Wolfman.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

300 Public Schools

Jessica Waugh, Superintendent of Schools, had a hand-out for everyone entitled Fiscal Rationale and Budget Policy - FY-08 Budget. It detailed the efforts that the Schools have made in taming the budget.

Betty White, the school accountant, gave an update on the new windows-based program she has been given. She has this new version and has met with Mark Abrahams. One of the problems had been the vast list of vendors; they have been winnowed down and have all been given code numbers. Once she gets the feel for this new windows program, it should go faster.

Robert Vetrick congratulated Ms. Waugh. He said, "No-one has ever gone into a budget as thoroughly as you have done, Jessica." Tom Coen – seconded the comment. Ruth Gilbert wanted to thank Tom Coen for all the work that he's done on this budget. The places that have been cut are the subjects that we've argued about for years.

Dr. Pavao then launched into a conversation on his dreams for Provincetown Schools. He said that his understanding is that we retain PHS as a college preparatory school and this is – very, very important. He continued, "As we looked at the curriculum – we want to prepare our students for the best college bound education." He continued delineating his dreams for PHS and alluding to an academy model.

Gary Delius then asked, "Do you see it as a college preparatory high school?" Dr. Pavao's answer was, "We also want to prepare them for the work force; we need tradesmen. I also want students to be able to apply to Harvard, Yale – or even Cape Cod Community College.

Ms. Gilbert asked, "When do you plan to announce this academy proposal to the town?" Dr. Pavao said that he wants to be careful about how we use the term ACADEMY. He wants to make sure we use the same term. There are many schools that are called academies and that's not us.

Ruth G. said that she feels the push is now on to support the academy model.

Burton Wolfman said that this idea came out of the future..... we had to get the teacher's motivated. That's the only way this is going to work.

Dr. Vetrick said that this model sounds wonderful – the problem is – how do we translate this to future

growth. Ms. Gilbert asked, "When are you preparing to get that message out to the general public?" That's the big picture.

How about interviews with exiting students, parents of exiting students – and why. Ms. Waugh said she had some some exit interviews last summer. Some people moved; there was a myriad of reasons.

There are 10 students who are currently being picked up outside the Veterans Memorial School to go to the Truro elementary school. Dr. Pavao said that he didn't like that so he is now meeting with those parents to see why they decided to go to Truro.

Jessica Waugh said that when we said academy - it means different words in different places. Ruth Gilbert said her point is that it has to get out to other members of the community. She really doesn't know what it means? We have to build these programs – and then go to Town meeting. That's what we have to do!

Motion: Approve budget 300 in the amount of \$3,652,339.87.

Motion: Robert Vetrick Seconded: Ruth Gilbert Vote: 7-0-0.

Ruth Gilbert then asked what percentage of the budget cut came from the operating budget? Of the \$500K cut, \$300K was in personnel. Also, Ruth G. thought, perhaps the new moniker should be Community School so that everyone might be enthused and accommodated.

310 Cape Cod Regional Schools

Motion: Approve the 310 budget in the amount of \$168,309.

Motion: Robert Vetrick Seconded: Ruth Gilbert Vote: 7-0-0.

MINUTES

Motion: Approve the minutes of the February 9th a.m. meeting as amended.

Motion: Ruth Gilbert Seconded: Robert Vetrick Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the February 9th p.m. meeting as amended.

Motion: Robert Vetrick Seconded: Ruth Gilbert Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting as amended.

Motion: Ruth Gilbert Seconded: Walt Winnowski Vote: 6-0-0.

910 Retirement/Benefits/Insurance

Motion: Approve the 910 budget in the amount of \$4,190,508.

Motion: Robert Vetrick Seconded: Tom Coen Vote: 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by _____ on _____, 2007

Gary Delius, Chair