

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of June 8, 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 4:07 PM.

No public comments were heard.

Dr. Traylor acknowledged on behalf of the School Committee, the following employees of the district for their services: Dolores Bazikas for 34 years of service as a physical education teacher at VMES; Nancy Edwards for 31 years of service at VMES and Dr. Frank Wills for 6 years of service as a member of the School Committee. For their service, they received a gift of acknowledgement from the district. A viola will be donated to the music department in Dr. Wills' name.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2004 as written; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 4-0-1 with Burt Wolfman abstaining.

Debra Trovato made the motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2004 with corrections; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 4-0-1 with Burt Wolfman abstaining.

Debra Trovato made the motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2004 with a correction; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 5-0.

Burt Wolfman made the motion to move from New Business # 6.1 before Educational Update; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Burt Wolfman introduced Ms. Lynn Stanley, Educational Coordinator for the Provincetown Art Association. She gave the Committee information for their perusal pertaining to the Association's program in the schools. She asked that the Committee write a **letter of support for the Association for their grant proposal**. Burt Wolfman made the motion to send a letter of support; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Janice Newell and Ted Dubsy showed the Committee the progress that is being made on the **school district's website**. It is a work in progress and will be updated with more pages, graphics, student work, and photos.
- Jessica Waugh gave an update on the **MCAS test schedule** for 2005.
- Jessica Waugh also included information on how the **students are evaluated through the testing**.
- Linda Weissenberger, the district's music teacher, informed the Committee of an **instrumental program** available to the district through the Academy of Performing Arts. Casey Sanderson will come to the district two days a week, with band after school on each of these days. There may be grants available to extend the number of days if the need arises.
- Mr. Teso and Mr. Boxer discussed the **athletic program**. With a retirement at VMES, Mrs. Lisa Colley will teach the VMES physical education classes and remain the Athletic Director at PHS.
- Jessica Waugh gave the Committee an overview of **Professional Development Day 6/23/04**.
- Nancy Flasher gave the Committee informational handouts on the **Academy of Arts, Science & Technology** program at PHS. She informed the Committee that meetings are being held with Mr. Boxer and members of the PHS faculty regarding the direction of the program and how it can be intergraded into all areas of learning. The community will continue to be involved as mentors. It was suggested that the Academy program be added onto the PHS website.
- Mr. Teso informed the Committee of the **Summer School 2004** program of the district. There are extended year

programs dictated by student's IEP's and an optional summer program to reinforce and encourage other students. The program will be for five weeks, 8-10 AM, Monday-Thursday. Peter Codinha, PHS math teacher will do the math program and Michael Coelho, VMES teacher, will lead the ELA program. There will be 13 students from VMES and 9 from PHS as of this date.

Burt Wolfman made the motion to take the following out of order: Unfinished Business # 5.1 and #5.2 and PHS Gym Renovations under Educational Update; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that the **PHS gym** floor has been put out to bid. A new method of repairing the gym ceiling was discussed. Peter Grosso went to the gym with the company representative. The company is K-13 and it is a spray on method. Burt Wolfman made the motion to enter into contract with K-13 spray on systems for the PHS gym ceiling; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5.1** Mrs. Betty White informed the Committee that the district has received bids to purchase a **new school bus**. In order to put it out to bid as a lease, the Committee voted to reject the bids to purchase as follows: Burt Wolfman made the motion to reject the bids for purchasing a new school bus; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 5-0. Burt Wolfman made the motion to empower Dr. Traylor and Mrs. White to enter into a lease; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0.
- 5.2** Mrs. White informed the Committee that an end of the year audit has been completed with favorable results. The areas needing to be addressed are as follows: checks and balances with the town regarding grants and revolving accounts; and reporting of information from town hall in a timely fashion as needed by Mrs. White. Burt Wolfman made the motion that the Committee request a meeting with the Town Manager and the Board of Selectman to discuss the audit; Debra Trovato seconded; so voted 5-0.

RETURN TO EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Molly Perdue made the motion to table Public Relations Update to a future meeting; seconded by Debra Trovato; so voted 5-0.
- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that adjustments have been made to the original RFP for the **leasing of the Annex building**. The Committee's lawyer is working to get it into the Central Register. The lease must be advertised twice locally before it goes into the Register.
- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that **an audit** has been done of the **school's lunch program** and a report will be forthcoming.
- Another price will be attained for the **VMES playground fencing**.

No closing statements were heard.

Peter Grosso made the motion to adjourn at 6:36 PM; seconded by Burt Wolfman; and so voted 5-0.

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