

# EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2017  
5pm Library

Those present were Chairperson Susan Mercier, Member Kelly McCracken, Member Megan Anderson, Principal John Stevens, Superintendent Matt D'Andrea, Special Education Director Nancy Dugan, PTA chair Deanna Laird and teacher Erin Simmons

## I. Approval of minutes of December 14, 2016

On a motion by Kelly McCracken, seconded by Megan Anderson, the committee approved the minutes of December 14, 2016.

## II. Parent Groups and Community Input

PTA chair Deanna Laird reported that the PTA was in the middle of a shoe fundraiser. Their goal is to gather 100 bags, but to this point they only have 14. She handed out bags at the meeting and explained the process. The PTA is sponsoring a magic show for the school on Friday, January 20 at 3pm in the gym. The PTA is still looking for members; parents and faculty are encouraged to sign up. She also mentioned that the teachers grant form has been redone so that teachers are not required to attend a meeting or participate in PTA events in order to apply for a grant. She informed the committee that the PTA currently has \$13,000 in the bank and are continuing to raise money via the A+ program and box tops.

## III. Finance Report

### A. Expenditure Report

Mr. D'Andrea handed out the current expenditure report. He noted that the revolving lunch line is staying consistent and in good shape. School choice is over \$100,000 with no plans of using any of those funds. Mr. Stevens mentioned that he has a crew coming in to work on the fire doors and install weather stripping. Textbooks remain in deficit and Mr. Stevens explained that the school has embraced the Eureka math program and the workbooks are expensive. He also explained that there were several textbook programs that the school had started and needed to fill in gaps in order to use the programs school wide.

## IV. Superintendent's Report

### A. Legislative Bulletin

Mr. D'Andrea handed out a copy of the legislative bulletin regarding the public record law explaining how people can request information and what charges can be made for this service.

### B. Enrollment Projections

Mr. D'Andrea handed out the NEASC enrollment projections indicating that Edgartown is projected to rise slightly while the island wide district will stay the same.

### C. Time Study

Mr. D'Andrea handed out a time study from the business administrator showing time she has spent at each school system since November. Edgartown was the lowest. The bulk of her time has been divided between the UIRSD, the high school and helping out in transportation due to the administrative change in that department. Discussion followed as to the significance of this handout. Ms. Mercier pointed out that we needed to be mindful of this chart as discussions continue with the UIRSD regarding shared service expenses.

## V. Principal's Report

Mr. Stevens began his report by announcing that the girls and boys basketball semi-finals would take place the next day in the school gym, and if successful would move on to play the finals at the high school on January 20.

### A. Water Testing Results

Mr. Stevens informed the committee that the school participated in a water testing program by the Massachusetts Department of Health. All 105 water sources were tested and 1 came back high in copper. It was retested 3 times and all came back fine. They feel that the first test was an invalid test.

**B. Lunch Price Increase**

Mr. Stevens handed out a document regarding the pricing of school lunch in Edgartown compared to other island schools. Edgartown is looking at an increase for students from \$2.75 to \$3 and adults from \$3.75 to \$4. Discussion followed as to the need for this increase. Mr. Stevens said he would be sending home a letter explaining the change and Mr. D'Andrea suggested the possibility of attaching the free/reduced application to each letter. On a motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. McCracken, the committee approved the lunch price increase.

**C. Out of State conference Request**

Mr. Stevens presented an out of state conference request from second grade teacher Jen Fournier to attend an RTI in Providence called "response to intervention" regarding handling disruptive and difficult students. The conference would be roughly \$500. On a motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. McCracken, the committee voted to approve the conference request.

**VI Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for February 8 at 5pm.

**VII. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Parece  
Secretary to the Committee