

# EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 18, 2014  
Conference Room  
12:00 Noon

## APPROVED

Those present were Chairperson Susan Mercier, Members Megan Anderson and David Rossi, Superintendent Jim Weiss, Assistant Superintendent Matt D'Andrea, Business Administrator Amy Tierney, Principal John Stevens, Assistant Principal Anne Fligor, Remedial Math Teacher Linda Brown, and Revolving Lunch Program Head Cook Gina deBettencourt.

### I. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2014

On a motion by Megan Anderson, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the minutes of January 15, 2014.

### II. Parent Groups and Community Input

No report was given.

### III. Finance Report

#### A. Expenditure Report

Mrs. Tierney shared the most recent expenditure report. She requested the transfer of funds to cover those over-expended lines, such as teaching supplies and general maintenance. It was decided that future general maintenance expenses be paid out of school choice until further notice. On a motion by Megan Anderson, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to the transfers as noted.

#### B. School Choice

Mrs. Tierney also shared the School Choice Fund report to date. She noted that additional funds to the School Choice Fund are anticipated.

### IV. Superintendent's Report

#### A. Policies

##### 1. BMI Policy – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

On a motion by Megan Anderson, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the BMI Policy.

##### 2. School Choice Policy – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

On a motion by Megan Anderson, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the School Choice Policy.

#### B. Personnel Sub Committee Member

The Committee appointed Member Megan Anderson to represent Edgartown on the Personnel Sub-Committee to matters including non-union salaries negotiations, Superintendent's evaluation, and the search for a new superintendent.

### V. Principal's Report

#### A. School Food Services Report

Mr. Stevens introduced Head Cook Gina deBettencourt who gave a report on the status of the school lunch program. Mrs. deBettencourt said the lunch program has received orders from the State to post production records on all meals, recipes, inventory, nutrition values, plus labels posted on every ingredient used. The kitchen is also offering a gluten-free diet and one for

diabetic students, of whom there is one student at present. Mrs. deBettencourt told the Committee that the endless paperwork and demands of the State has become an overwhelming dilemma for her and her staff. She feels the staff needs all its time to continue producing quality lunches for the school. Mrs. Mercier and Dr. Weiss said the All-Island School Committee needs to be approached and discuss the appointment of an all-island program director, perhaps by fiscal year 2015 or 2016. They recommended that the kitchen be allowed a substitute to come on Fridays to give its lunch program director Halley Levesque more time to take care of the paperwork at hand. Dr. Weiss would like an account of the cost and report on how this arrangement fairs.

B. Academic Presentation: 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra program – Linda Brown

Mr. Stevens said Teacher Linda Brown has been teaching the algebra program. Her students come from Teacher Louis Smadbeck's accelerated math class of select students from grades 5, 6, 7. Her 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will go on to a pilot advanced geometry class at the high school, uniquely comprised of only these Edgartown School students. From there they will go on to a full year of algebra II in the sophomore year, pre-calculus in the junior year, and calculus in the senior year.

C. Edgartown Public Library construction update – Anne Fligor

Assistant Principal Anne Fligor shared the latest news on the public library construction plans. The Maron Construction Company has been selected as the primary contractor and is on site. They will be erecting a fence around the entire site including the triangular parking area across the street on Robert's Way. All individuals working on the project will be CORI'd by Amanda Carter at the Superintendent's Office and have special identification stickers on their hard hats. The plan is to complete the library in 485 days, or approximately June 3, 2015.

**VI. Correspondence**

No report was given

**VII. Old/New Business**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 8:30 AM.

With no further business to discuss, the Committee agreed to adjourn at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela L. Cassidy  
Secretary to the Committee