

# EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Teacher's Conference Room

8:30am

## DRAFT

Those present were Chairperson Susan Mercier, Member Megan Anderson, Member David Rossi, Business Administrator Amy Tierney, Principal John Stevens, Superintendent Jim Weiss, Assistant Superintendent Matt D'Andrea, PTA President Deanna Laird

### I. Approval of minutes of November 5, 2014 and minutes of November 12, 2014

On a motion by Megan Anderson, seconded by Susan Mercier, the Committee agreed to accept the minutes of November 12, 2014. On a motion by David Rossi, seconded by Susan Mercier, the Committee agreed to accept the minutes of November 5, 2014.

### II. Parent Groups and Community Input

No report was given.

### III. Finance Report

Ms. Tierney distributed a copy of the December expenditure report, with little change from the previous month. The same line items are being watched, Kindergarten line and teacher salary due to maternity leaves. School Choice remains the same as last month.

### IV. Superintendent's Report

#### A. FY 16 Budget

Dr. Weiss reported that he would be attending the January 15<sup>th</sup> budget meeting with the Edgartown selectmen to present the FY16 budget.

#### B. Personnel-retirement date change

Cathy MacDonald's retirement date changed from 12/23 to 1/29 after meeting with the retirement board to ensure her 30 years.

#### C. ACE MV request

Mr. D'Andrea reported that Sam Hart would be attending an All Island School Committee meeting to request funding. There was discussion as to the high percentage Edgartown pays for this service, due to use of the county formula to calculate town shares. Susan Mercier commented that the agreement last year was that the financial request was a one time request. The committee agreed it would be helpful if Mr. Hart brought data as to how many people in each town are utilizing the program. Mr. D'Andrea commented that it would be nice if they partnered with CCCC or Bridgewater State to offer more educational and vocational courses. Amy Tierney added that although the money flows through us there are no reports showing the accounting. Dr. Weiss informed the committee that Edgartown's share would be \$15,425. The committee agreed they would like more data from Mr. Hart.

### V. Principal's Report

#### A. Change in ESP funding

The school had hired Skylar Menton as a 1:1 ESP on the Edgartown payroll, however, due to internal shuffling, beginning December 15 she was moved to shared services payroll.

#### B. Presentation of FY16 budget at 12/22 selectmen's meeting

Mr. Stevens reported that the school received a notice from the Town Hall that the school had a selectmen's meeting scheduled for 1/15 at 3:25, the schools time to present their budget.

The question was raised if we still need to attend the 12/22 selectmen's meeting. Susan Mercier suggested a member from the school committee be represented at both times and said she would attend the 12/22 meeting.

C. Library Construction Update-Anne Fligor, Asst. Principal

The gallery (back section by school) is now weather tight - with the rest of the building scheduled to be the same by Christmas. Clear-story windows (the very top windows) are going in - these are a bit more complicated to put in and there are a couple windows on back-order. All aspects of the outside (insulation, brick) first are constructed on a 'mock-up' which is approved before installation on the building begins. The outside insulation and brick is currently in this process with an inspection scheduled for Tuesday. The gutter system is going in - the roof system has a water-tight membrane applied which keeps everything dry and ready for the tin roofing in the future.

D. PTA update-Deanna Laird, PTA President

Ms. Laird presented Mr. Stevens with the completed three year audit for the PTA as well as letters of 501c3. She had a conversation with the attorney general's office and now has additional forms to fill out each year. The PTA is looking for their articles of incorporation. Mr. Stevens complimented Ms. Laird on completing the audit and bringing the PTA to a hard working executive board.

E. New hire-5/6 Sped Teacher

The school interviewed and hired Janet Hurley to replace Cathy MacDonald as a 5/6 Special Education teacher. Janet will start January 26. Megan Anderson made a motion to accept the date change for Cathy MacDonald's retirement and accept the hiring of Janet Hurley, David Rossi seconded the motion.

**V. Old Business/New Business**

No report was given.

**VI. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for January 21 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Parece  
Secretary to the Committee