

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013
Conference Room
12:00 Noon

APPROVED

Those present were Chairperson Susan Mercier, Members Megan Anderson and David Rossi, Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt, Business Administrator Amy Tierney, and Principal John Stevens. Also present were Teachers Jennifer Fournier, Shelley LaSelva, and MaryEllen Guyther, along with Computer Tech Darren Belisle, and Parent Julie Lively. Superintendent Jim Weiss was not present.

I. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2013

On a motion by Megan Anderson, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the minutes of March 19, 2013.

II. Parent Groups and Community Input

No report was given.

III. Finance Report

A. Expenditure Report

Mrs. Tierney shared the final FY14 budget analysis that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting on April 9, 2013. The bottom line of the FY14 totals \$6,653,748.44. Mrs. Tierney went over the Fund Balance Report and the latest expenditure report. The Superintendent's budget is getting tight due to extended services.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Commonwealth Budget Process – House Ways and Means Committee Recommendation

Mrs. Tierney shared a report from the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center. The Center posted a summary of the House Ways and Means FY14 Budget recommendations on K-12 budget items. The HWM Chapter 70 aid proposal is more than the FY13 levels, but less than the Governor's proposal. The HWM proposal does guarantee a minimum of \$25 per pupil increase over FY2013 aid levels.

V. Principal's Report

A. RTI data warehouse system

Teachers Jennifer Fournier, MaryEllen Guyther and Shelley LaSelva gave a presentation on RTI Data for grades K-4. It basically compiles all data on a spreadsheet, one line per student, comprising of test scores, reading and literacy proficiency, etc. A similar compilation will be designed later for math skills. For now this pilot program (in Edgartown only) begins at 2nd grade and is an excellent tool to provide information about a student in a glance to forward to the student's next instructor.

B. SAC/ESC meeting in June

Mr. Stevens reported that the next SAC meeting will be held on May 14. The SAC will meet with the ESC on May 19, at 9:00 AM, to present their school improvement plan for FY14 and request approval.

C. Pease Scholarship

The Committee announced that they have each reviewed all the applications for the 2013 Pease Scholarships. Mr. Stevens will take their selections and, with his own, will submit the decisions to the MVRHS guidance department by May 1. The Pease Scholarships will be awarded at Class Night on June 7 at 6:30 PM.

VI. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

VII. Old/New Business

A. Policies

1. Immunization – 3rd reading

On a motion by David Rossi, seconded by Megan Anderson, the Committee agreed to accept the 3rd reading of the Immunization Policy.

2. Allergies – 1st reading

On a motion by David Rossi, seconded by Megan Anderson, the Committee agreed to accept the 1st reading of the Managing Life-threatening Allergies in School Policy.

B. Schedule Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday, May 15, at 8:30 AM. Mr. Stevens said the SAC are meeting on May 14. On Wednesday, June 19, the Committee will meet at 8:15 AM for its regular meeting. The SAC will join the meeting at 9:00 AM to present its School Improvement Plan for FY14 for the Committee to approve.

C. Reorganization

The Committee and attendees congratulated David Rossi for his re-election to the School Committee. The Committee agreed to the following reorganization:

Chairperson Susan Mercier

HS Representatives David Rossi and Megan Anderson (to begin in September)

D. Superintendent's evaluation process

Mrs. Anderson reported that the school committee on the Island will be compiling input to create an extensive evaluation report of the Superintendent's performance this year.

E. Public Library Report

Mr. Stevens said that there will be a meeting on Monday, April 29, at 8:30, at the Edgartown Public Library to discuss issues concerning the construction of a new library at the site of the old Edgartown School. One item of discussion will be the fate of the green area, moving the woodshop dust collector, and proposed parking spots in that locale.

With no further business to discuss, the Committee agreed to adjourn at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela L. Cassidy
Secretary to the Committee