

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

Regular Session

FY 17 Public Budget Hearing

Present: Terri Humes, Michelle Jarusiewicz, Tim Dickey

Absent: Drew Locke, Rebecca Townsend

Others: Mike Gradone, Bob Beaudet, Stephanie Costigan, Heather Fair, Kathy Rosenkampff, Alice Rieselbach

1. Call to Order: Terri Humes called the Regular Session meeting to order at 5:15PM.

2. Unfinished Business: Mike Gradone reported there is a net increase of \$9075. in Special Education and an increase of \$3000. in the field trip account which is an increase of \$12,075. to the FY17 budget, bringing the overall bottom line to a 2.09 % increase over the current year.

3. Tim Dickey moved to adjourn Regular Session for the purpose of Public Hearing FY 17 Budget, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 3 – 0. Terri Humes called the FY 17 Public Budget Hearing to order at 5:25.

Mike Gradone reviewed and recommended approval of the \$5,246,188.00 proposed FY17 Budget. Discussion ensued. Tim Dickey moved to approve the FY 17 Budget as presented, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 3 – 0. Terri Humes closed the Public Budget Hearing at 5:32

4. Approval of Minutes: Terri Humes moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015 second by Tim Dickey vote 2 – 0 – 1 (Michelle Jarusiewicz abstained).

5. Dates to Remember: TSC meeting Feb. 9 at 5:15PM.

6. Administrator's Reports:

- **Superintendent Mike Gradone Report:**
 - Mike and Bob will be meeting with Nauset Superintendent Tom Conrad and NRMS Principal Maxine Minkoff 1/14/16 to discuss 6th and 7th grade transition to NRMS. Specifically to ensure 6th graders are well prepared and an appropriate orientation for incoming 7th graders will be scheduled. They will look at proposed FY 17 school year calendars for Nauset and Truro.
- **Principal Bob Beaudet Report:**
 - Updated committee on the STEAM program, the skiff is finished and will be launched 1/3/16.
 - Professional Development 1/15/16, will be segmented in to four sessions in order to accommodate staff at different levels of Responsive Classroom training.
 - Assessments – FAST is a screening tool for reading and math. FAST is used for all grades. The Benchmark Assessment is an assessment tool that determines student reading levels. This year writing assessments are persuasive/opinion pieces that are scored using a rubric. Most assessments are administered 3 times per school year.

- **SPED Director Stephanie Costigan:**
 - The State of MA has revised and updated the Physical Restraint Regulations. The changes will be presented to the staff at next staff meeting to go over regulations and approach. The policy will be go to the policy subcommittee for review.
- **Mike Gradone and Heather Fair:**
 - Mike reviewed the current status of the FY16 budget.

7. Visitor/Faculty Statements: None

8. Subcommittees: None

9. Unfinished Business: See above

10. New Business: None

11. Other: Provincetown CPA has received an application for Cape Cod Village which is to be long term housing for adults with severe autism. Land has been acquired in Orleans.

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment: Tim Dickey moved to adjourn , second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 3 – 0, meeting was adjourned at 5:52PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro school Committee on

2/9/16, 2016

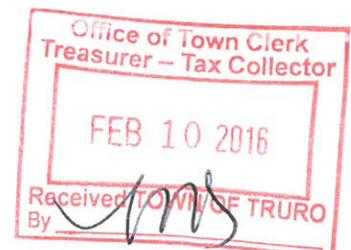
Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Rosenkampff, Secretary



Truro School Committee Member



To: Truro School Committee
From: Michael Gradone, Superintendent
Date: January 7, 2016
Re: January 12 School Committee Meeting

This month's focus is financial.

FY17 Budget – The net impact of the possible Special Education placement is less than we expected. One of the two possible destinations, Dennis-Yarmouth, currently enrolls a Special Education student as a School Choice placement, and has indicated they will do the same if a second student follows suit. The tuition is therefore not paid from the appropriated budget, but from the following year's Chapter 70 state aid. We must budget transportation, but that would be offset by reduced costs in other accounts (Nauset tuition and a bus monitor), for a net increase of \$9,000.

Also in next year's budget, we will propose that the Committee add \$3,000 to the field trip account, covering each overnight trip for \$1,500. Therefore, the increase to the FY17 budget is \$12,000, bringing the overall bottom line to a 2.1% increase over the current year.

As you see in the agenda, the Committee will come to order at 5:15. The agenda assumes 10 minutes for discussion of these changes, and any other aspects of the proposed budget you wish. At 5:25, we'll go into the Public Hearing. After that, we'll resume the normal order of business.

Reports – I'll have a report on developing next year's calendar. We have a meeting with the teachers Tuesday afternoon, and expect to recommend a vote on a final draft at the February meeting.

Bob will report on our mid-year assessments of student progress in Reading, and he and Stephanie will tell you about our upcoming professional development on the Responsive Classroom. Stephanie also will address the state's new Student Restraint regulations.

FY16 – We're going to look at each year's budget quarterly, beginning this month. We'll point out the potential need for transfers, and identify accounts that may provide sufficient surplus to make that happen. This will keep the Committee in the budget loop all year long, and avoid any end-of-year surprises.

Policy Meeting – I hope Michelle and Rebecca can bring your calendars, so we can set a time for the next Subcommittee meeting.

