

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 23, 2017 5:15 PM

Truro Central School Media Center

AGENDA

Chair - Terri Humes
Vice Chair - Michelle Jarusiewicz
Tim Dickey
Drew Locke
Secretary - Rebecca Townsend

Superintendent- Mike Gradone
Principal - Bob Beaudet
Director Special Ed.-Stephanie Costigan
Recorder-Kathy Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order:

2. Approval of Minutes:

Feb. 13, 2017

3. Dates to Remember:

Mar. 24 - Farm to school fundraiser dinner
April 6 - Spring concert 6:00 PM
April 11 - 13 - MCAS gr. 3 - 6
April 13 - School Committee meeting (if the
Committee wishes another meeting before Town Meeting)
April 25 - Truro town meeting 6:00 PM
May 9 - Town election
May 11 - School Committee meeting

4. Administrator's Report:

4.1 Superintendent/Mike Gradone - FY17 update; Preschool census; Child care discussions with Recreation; professional development; mid-year Literacy activities; CIP/maintenance update

4.2 Principal/Bob Beaudet -

4.3 Director Special Ed/Stephanie Costigan - Stephanie will not be with us, but we will have news about the new residential placement.

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements:

6. Subcommittees:

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 FY18 Budget Status – The Board of Selectmen has voted to put \$200,000 of our FY18 request on a Prop 2 ½ override. Here's how that works:

1. The motion at Town Meeting will be for the full amount we have requested, specifying that \$200,000 of the total is contingent on approval of an override of the restrictions of Prop 2 ½. This fulfills the legal requirement that the School Department's request must appear on the warrant. If this is voted as described, we are guaranteed all but the \$200,000.
2. At the Town Election, there will be a question asking whether voters approve of an appropriation of \$200,000 in excess of the limits of proposition 2 ½. If it's approved, we get the full amount requested.
3. If it fails either at Town Meeting or at the ballot, we have an approved operating budget of \$5,245,422 (\$200,000 less than we requested).

If the override is approved, life as we know it goes on.

If it is not approved, questions will present themselves, including

- Why wasn't the School Department allowed a 2 ½% increase in the operating budget as is usually permitted by Prop 2 ½? If that were the case, the override would be \$68,080.
- How should we respond to our appropriation being \$200,000 short of our anticipated expenditures?
 - We could cut our operating budget by \$200,000. This would require reductions in staff.
 - We could use other revenues (e.g., Circuit Breaker aid) to fill some of the gap, for at least one year.

- We could prepay some Special Ed tuitions with funds from the current year, reducing the shortfall substantially.
- How do we stay informed about the Town's budget process in the future, to avoid late surprises?

The simplest outcome is to get the override approved. As it stands now, it is the amount by which our budget increased when a residential Special Ed placement became necessary. That's accurate, financially sufficient to explain the full amount, and avoids the complexities and judgments of the three possibilities listed above.

8. New Business:

8.1 Vote not to maintain grades 7 - 12 (annual vote required by state law)

8.2 Proposed FY18 calendar - The proposed calendar is attached. There are no significant changes from this year. It aligns well with Nauset's. A vote is recommended.

8.3 Ethics forms to be completed by TSC (Town of Truro) - members who have not taken the state Ethics training in the past two years must do so, at <http://www.muniproq.eth.state.ma.us/>. The Town asks that a form be completed confirming the training. It will be in your folders.

9. Other:

10. Executive Session: None expected

11. Adjournment:

Town Clerk

Posted: March 16, 2017

The matters listed above are those reasonably anticipated by the chair that may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

