

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2017

Regular Session

Present: Terri Humes, Tim Dickey, Drew Locke

Absent: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Rebecca Townsend

Others: Michael Gradone, Bob Beaudet, Stephanie Costigan, Kathleen Rosenkampff,
Amelia Rose

1. Call to Order: Terri Humes called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Tim Dickey presented a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017, second by Terri Humes vote 2-0 -1, Drew Locke abstained.

3. Dates to Remember: TSC meeting December 12, 2017

4. Administrator's Reports

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Routine reports held until Dec. 12 meeting in order to focus on the FY '19 budget.

4.2 Principal's Report: No report

4.3 Director of Special Education Report: No report

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements: None.

6. Subcommittees: Policy subcommittee to meet Dec. 8, 2017.

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 Principal's contract: Tim Dickey moved to approve the Principal's contract as presented, second by Drew Locke, vote 3 – 0.

8. New Business:

8.1 FY '19 budget:

Mr. Gradone reported on the current proposed budget. With seven additional students at Nauset next year, the tuition budget will be increased \$125,000. In addition, TCS is responsible

for two 1:1 Ed. Assistants required for Truro students at Nauset. Therefore, \$100,000. had to be reduced from 17-18 funding to get the 18-19 level presented to the committee.

In two areas, reductions were available: the current combined position of half math coach, half Ed. Assistant will become full math coach, eliminating the half Ed. Assistant position, and funding half the math coach position by a federal grant. In addition, a Special Ed. student aged out of the school system, saving almost \$40,000. To get the proposed budget to the level presented to the Committee, balances have been reduced in dozens of accounts from the 17-18 budget.

The committee began its discussion with questions and concerns. Specifically; school choice, 6th grade program, preschool, school security system, custodial maintenance services and instructional supplies/services were addressed. There was discussion of likelihood of continued grant funding. The Administration responded to each inquiry. Committee members expressed concerns that the proposed reductions were not sustainable.

After further discussion the Committee asked Mr. Gradone to identify the cuts that would have the most impact on students and to bring a budget restoring some of those accounts to a more realistic level to the December 12, 2017 TSC meeting.

9. Other: None

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Tim Dickey presented a motion to adjourn, second by Drew Locke, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on
December 12, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosenblatt

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Truro School Committee Member

