

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

Regular Session in TCS Cafeteria

Present: Kenneth Oxtoby(in-person), Michelle Jarusiewicz(in-person), Dennis Clark(in-person), Christine Roderick(in-person), Kolby Blehm(in-person)

Absent:

Others: Michael Gradone, Stephanie Costigan, Heather Harper, John Burns, Megan O'Leary Kathleen Rosenkampff, staff members

1. Call to Order: Kenneth Oxtoby called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Kolby Blehm moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 2020, second by Dennis Clark, vote 5- 0.

3. Dates to Remember: TSC meetings November 12, November 19, and December 3, December 17.

4. Administrator's Reports

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Mr. Gradone reported a MASC representative is available to meet virtually with the TSC on November 12. This will be a public TSC meeting with just the MASC meeting on the agenda. The administration has begun preparation of the FY 22 budget. The aim is to have the same level of service as last year and to restore cuts made in this year's operating budget.

4.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report: Mrs. Costigan reports a health assistant and an additional one on one educational assistant has been hired and will begin in the next couple of weeks. Assistants to the principal Megan O'Leary and John Burns have been invaluable and very busy.

4.3 Business Administrator Report: Mrs. Harper reported that the budget is in good shape at this time. Mrs. Harper is waiting for more info before submitting line item transfers.

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements: None.

6. Subcommittees:

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 Policies for Second Reading - Face Coverings (EBCFA) and Public Comment at School Committee Meetings (BEDH) Committee made no changes, and the policies will be adopted on October 27, 2020.

7.2 Assistants to the Principal - Mr. Gradone recommends continuing Megan O'Leary and John Burns as Assistants to the Principal at \$1,000. per week through November 20, 2020. Kolby Blehm moved to approve the recommendation, second by Christine Roderick, vote 5 - 0.

7.3 20 21 Calendar - The administration and the TEA (teachers union) have agreed to revise the calendar for the Thanksgiving week. The proposal is to hold staff professional development on November 23 and November 24 with no school on November 25. The PD will give the staff an opportunity to assess in-person and remote learning and to move ahead with the study of systemic racism. There will be a complete calendar revision as soon as there is an agreement with the teachers. Christine Roderick moved to approve Professional Development on November 23 and November 24 and close school on November 25 calendar revision, second by Dennis Clark, vote 4 - 0 - 1, Kolby Blehm abstained.

8.1 Policies for First Reading - Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers (GCK), School Committee Review of Procedures (BGD), Immunization of Students (JLCB)

8.2 Consider Additional Custodial Time - In dealing with the virus, there is more to be done every day, including disinfecting whatever materials and equipment children have used during the day. Mr. Gradone recommends a half-time position, twenty hours a week, for the balance of the school year beginning November 1 at a cost of \$14,960. Michelle Jarusiewicz moved to approve the recommendation, second by Christine Roderick, vote 5 - 0.

9. Other: None

10. Executive Session: ***To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining*******

*******Committee entered Executive Session at 5:50 PM, re-entered Regular Session at 5:58 PM, both by unanimous roll call votes*******

No action was taken.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Clark presented a motion to adjourn, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on October 27, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member

