

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020

Regular Session in cafeteria and virtual

Present: Kenneth Oxtoby, Dennis Clark, Christine Roderick, Kolby Blehm
members were in-person

Absent: Michelle Jarusiewicz

Others: Michael Gradone (excused at 6:11 PM), Stephanie Costigan, Megan O'Leary, John Burns, Kathleen Rosenkampff, staff members, members of the public

1. Call to Order: Kenneth Oxtoby called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Dennis Clark moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 4 - 0.

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

4. Administrator's Reports

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Mr. Gradone reported DESE has determined that for this school year if there is inclement weather the decision to treat the days as "snow days" to be made up later or provide all students with remote learning is up to the school districts. TCS staff will have "snow days" with no remote learning. Budget transfers are on hold while waiting for figures from NRHS and CC Collaborative. Town-wide covid PCR testing went well. Possible second round of testing mid to late November. The Dept. of Ed. is expecting rapid tests to be available to schools in the near future. In addition, TCS is preparing procedures for possible Covid cases while school is in session.

4.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report: Mrs. Costigan reports the virtual Open House was a success. Mrs. Costigan updated the committee on Pre-K. The Pre-K staff has asked for another week to assess and determine availability for in-person learning. School pictures are scheduled to be taken on October 28 by Megan O'Leary. Mini-splits have been installed in all classrooms. Many years ago Provincetown Art Association Museum lent TCS large paintings for each classroom. PAAM now has room for the paintings and will be picking them up this week. FM amplifier systems are now in all classrooms. FM systems have been purchased for all classrooms. These systems will help to expand the sound throughout the rooms. Screenings for all Pre-K and Kindergarten children are scheduled for November 4 and November 5.

4.3 Business Administrator Report: No report

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements: Stephen Rome was recognized to speak and asked about PK availability.

6. Subcommittees: No report

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 Consider revised 20 - 21 Calendar - The revised calendar reduces the student year to the DESE mandated 170 days. The December break will have school closed for sixteen days which will permit thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the building. Kolby Blehm moved to approve the revised 20 - 21 school year calendar, second by Christine Roderick, vote 4 - 0.

7.2 Consider policies EBCFA (Face Coverings) and BEDH (Public Comment at School Committee Meetings) for adoption (Third Reading) - Dennis Clark moved to approve policies EBCFA (Face Coverings) and BEDH (Public Comment at School Committee Meetings), second by Christine Roderick, vote 4 - 0.

7.3 Consider Policies GCK (Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers), BDG (School Committee Review of Procedures), and JLCB (Immunization of Students) for Second Reading. Mr. Gradone will check with legal counsel on JLCB (Immunization of Students)

7.4 Goals Update - Professional Development accomplishments to date, with an extra ten days in September for staff the administration was able to schedule and provide more Professional Development than has been possible in previous years. The teacher requirement of fifteen hours of ESL PDP's will be delayed until the Spring.

The family engagement goal is a high priority and ongoing.

Administrative staffing - Kenneth Oxtoby gave a brief overview of past administration structuring. Mr. Gradone will be retiring at the end of the 20-21 school year. The TSC briefly discussed different options.

Emergency Planning - The adjustment of all drills is ongoing in an era of maintaining protocols due to Covid - 19. TCS is planning for different scenarios should students/staff contract the virus.

8. New Business:

8.1 CIP - Mr. Gradone is working on a CIP recognizing much of this year's CIP was not completed. DPW Director Jarrod Cabral recommends looking at all exterior work and Do a capital exclusion on the town warrant. Mr. Gradone will present a CIP with both options over four years versus all at once.

8.2 Next year's Administrative staffing was covered under goals.

Mr. Gradone excused himself at 6:11 PM.

9. Other: None

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

******Committee entered Executive Session at 6:16 PM, re-entered Regular Session at 6:26 PM, both by unanimous roll call votes******

Vote to Ratify - Christine Roderick presented a motion to ratify the vote made in the Executive Session to approve the MOU contract on Remote Learning, In-person Instruction and a Hybrid model for 20 - 21 school year between the Truro School Committee and Truro Education Association, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 4 - 0.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Clark presented a motion to adjourn, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on
November 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen R. Af

David B. Blehm

Truro School Committee Member

