

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

Regular Session

Present: Kenneth Oxtoby, Michelle Jarusiewicz, Dennis Clark, Christine Roderick, Kolby Blehm

Absent:

Others: Michael Gradone, Stephanie Costigan, Megan O'Leary, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Kenneth Oxtoby called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Dennis Clark moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2021, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, roll call vote, 5 - 0.

Christine Roderick - yes

Michelle Jarusiewicz - yes

Dennis Clark - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Dennis Clark moved to approve the minutes of April 29, 2021, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, roll call vote, 4 - 0 - 1.

Christine Roderick - yes

Michelle Jarusiewicz - yes

Dennis Clark - yes

Kolby Blehm - abstained

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

4. Dates to Remember: TSC meetings May 27, June 17, and June 28. Town Meeting June 26 (27) and town election June 29.

5. Administrator's Reports

5.1 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Gradone presented information on the Annual Fiscal Cycle - June 2020 TCS prepaid Special Education tuition, three months @ \$20,000. State Aid - Circuit Breaker - 185,000 and School Choice funds of \$100,000. The EOY balance = free cash, which is returned to the town. - TCS will receive approximately \$87,000. in a federal Esser III grant. The grant is to be used to defray incurred pandemic costs. Superintendent Gradone signed a contract with Rise Engineering to have a more in-depth analysis to increase airflow in the nurse's office space. If the expense is reasonable, the work will commence sooner rather than later. The most recent DESE updates, MA schools will not be required to have district-wide remote programs in the 21 - 22 school year. In response to Kolby Blehm's questions regarding the TCS DESE Report Card, Superintendent Gradone outlined the tools TCS uses to reflect on its methods to make improvements.

5.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report: Mrs. Costigan reports Principal Patrick Riley has been hired. Mr. Riley will begin on July 1, 2021. Hannah King has been trained and certified in Safety Care Training.

Hannah conducted a two-day Safety Care Training for ten staff members. MCAS testing of grades 3 - 5 will start in two weeks.

5.3 Business Administrator Report: The FY 20 audit is complete. The current EOY balance has approximately four hundred thousand dollars.

6. Subcommittees: None

7. New Business:

7.1 School Choice - Dennis Clark moved to approve the following school choice seats by grade as presented, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, roll call vote 5 - 0.

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1 - 2 5 - 0

2 - 2 6 - 8

3 - 0

Christine Roderick - yes

Michelle Jarusiewicz - yes

Dennis Clark - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

7.2 School Calendar 21 - 22 - Kolby Blehm moved to approve the 21 - 22 school calendar based on a 180 day school year as presented, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Christine Roderick - yes

Michelle Jarusiewicz - yes

Dennis Clark - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

7.3 Request from Joan Holt - The School Committee declined to take a position on the petitioned childcare article as Joan Holt requests. Kenneth Oxtoby will communicate with Joan Holt.

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1 Approve Team Chair - Kenneth Oxtoby moved to approve the position of Team Chair at 20% of full time, second by Dennis Clark, roll call vote 4 - 1 - 0.

Christine Roderick - yes

Michelle Jarusiewicz - yes

Dennis Clark - yes

Kolby Blehm - no

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

9. Other: Kolby Blehm requested information on previous PK planning. Mrs. Costigan thanked the TCSFG for the lunch and decoration provided for Staff Appreciation Day.

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Kolby Blehm presented a motion to adjourn, second by Christine Roderick, vote by roll call vote 5-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Christine Roderick - yes

Michelle Jarusiewicz - yes

Dennis Clark - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on
May 27, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosenberff

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Truro School Committee Member

