

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2019

Regular Session

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

Absent:

Others: Michael Gradone, Bob Beaudet, Stephanie Costigan, Heather Harper, Senator Julian Cyr, Kolby Blehm, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. **Call to Order:** Michelle Jarusiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:18 P.M.
2. **Reorganization:** Terri Humes resigned from TSC effective December 9, 2019. Michelle Jarusiewicz presented a motion to appoint Kenneth Oxtoby Chairperson, second by Christine Roderick, vote 3 – 0 -1, Kenneth Oxtoby abstained. Kenneth Oxtoby presented a motion to appoint Michelle Jarusiewicz as Vice Chair, second by Dennis Clark, vote 3 – 0 – 1, Michelle Jarusiewicz abstained. Dennis Clark presented a motion to appoint Christine Roderick as Secretary, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 3 – 0 – 1, Christine Roderick abstained.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Dennis Clark moved to approve December 5, 2019 minutes, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 4 – 0.
4. **Dates to Remember:** TSC Public Hearing on Budget January 14, 2020
5. **Administrator's Report:**
 - 5.1 **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Gradone reported Truro Select Board has set a date of February 18, 2020 for a special election to fill a vacant seat on the Select Board. Rural Aid Grant funds will be available to bus Truro students to Provincetown School for weekly rehearsals of the spring play.
 - 5.2 **Principal's Report:** Mr. Beaudet reported the students Winter Caroling at Seashore Point, Truro COA and Truro Town hall was wonderful and enjoyed by all. The January 21 Professional Development day will be spent with Eleni Steadman of HILL for Literacy who will be presenting information on foundation and literacy skill based intervention techniques.
 - 5.3 **Director of Student Services:** Mrs. Costigan reported all is status quo.

6. Visitor/Faculty Statements:

7. Subcommittees: No report

8. Unfinished Business: FY '20 – 21 Budget - The administration and committee discussed the budget impact and pros and cons of adding a second PreK classroom. The Committee accepted the Superintendent's conclusion that the cost of a second PreK classroom outweighed its benefits. The committee agreed to raise all substitutes' hourly rates for the FY 20 – 21 school year.

9. New Business: Mr. Gradone went over the process to appoint a School Committee member. The Select board posts an opening on Truro website. If there are any applicants, the Select Board and School Committee schedule a joint meeting to interview and appoint a new member.

10. Other: Senator Cyr talked about the importance of Universal PreK, and the districts on the Cape that offer some programs or support to preschoolers.

Kolby Blehm cited the high cost of private child care for families of preschoolers, and hoped the school would be more clear about what it offers.

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjournment: Michelle Jarusiewicz presented a motion to adjourn, second by Dennis Clark, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13P.M.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on January 14, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Roseff

Christine L. Roderick
Truro School Committee Member

