


Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Regular Session

Public Hearing

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February 7, 2023

12:10PM
TOWN OF TRURO

Present: Kolby Blehm, Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook, Vida Richter

Absent: Edwige Yingling

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Heather Harper, Kathleen Rosenkampff, Beth Dietz

1. Call to Order: Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM

2. Public Hearing on FY24 Budget - Peter Cook moved to approve moving the Public Hearing to after agenda items 4,5 and 6, second by Vida Richter, roll call vote - 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Peter Cook moved to open the Public Hearing on the FY 24 budget at 5:28 PM, second by Vida Richter, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Public comment on the FY 24 budget: Beth Dietz expressed her frustration with the lack of an after school program for families. Principal Riley discussed the lack of candidates interested in running the TAPS program and the process of advertising for candidates to run the program. TCS administrators, Darren Tangeman and the Recreation Committee have committed to getting an after school program up and running as soon as possible.

Due to a conflict of interest Peter Cook asked to separate line 63, salary of school nurse Beth Cook from the budget. Vida Richter moved to remove line 63 from version 2 of the budget, second by Rachel Rowland, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Vida Richter moved to include line 63 of version 2 for the FY 24 budget to submit to the Budget Task Force, second by Rachel Rowland roll call vote 3 - 1 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - abstained

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Vida Richter moved to close the Public Hearing for the FY 24 budget, second by Rachel Rowland, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

The Public Hearing closed at 5:51 PM.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approval of Minutes: Vida Richter moved to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes second by Rachel Rowland, roll call vote, 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm – yes

5. Dates to remember: TSC meeting February 2, 2023 at 4:30 PM

6. Administrator's Reports:

6.1 Superintendent: Superintendent Costigan presented version 1 and version 2 of the FY 24 budget. Version 1 represents a 1.66 % increase to the FY 24 operating budget. \$40,000 was removed from a position hoping to get grant funding in the future. One of the positions of a teacher retiring is split funded, half salary from the operating budget and half salary from a grant. Version 2 puts the \$40,000. back into the budget, \$6,000. removed from general supplies and removes the TAPS funding. Version 2 represents a 2.24 % increase.

6.2 Principal's Report: Principal Riley reported on technology use by students at TCS. Technology at TCS is a learning tool. TCS is fortunate to have 1:1 devices for all students and Smart Boards in every classroom. Student time on devices is limited to 15 minutes a day for most grades. Devices are primarily used for Lexia which is a part of the ELA curriculum. In grade 3 students begin to use technology for research. Digital Literacy standards are in the MA state frameworks. In grade 3 students are expected to have some proficiency in keyboarding.

7. Subcommittees: No report

8. New Business: None

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. Other: None

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjournment: Vida Richter moved to adjourn, second by Peter Cook, roll call vote 4 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

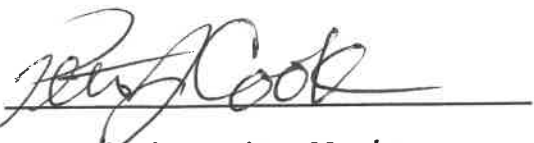
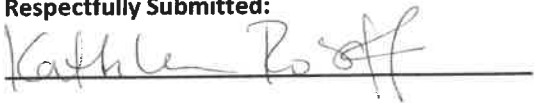
Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

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

February 2, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member