

Tisbury School Committee
8:30AM, Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Tisbury School Conference Room

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TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Janet Packer,

Staff: John Custer – Principal, Sean Mulvey – Assoc. Principal;
Matt D’Andrea – Superintendent,
Amy Tierney – Business Administrator,
Student Support – Nancy Dugan, Amy D’Andrea, Rita Jeffers,
Natalie Krauthamer, Kara Webster,

Others: Melinda Loberg – Selectman, Ben Robinson—Planning Bd. Chair
Siobhan Mullin – PTO, Public - Paul Lazes, Michael Watts,
Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 8:33AM.
(Recorder’s note: discussions are summarized and re-grouped for clarity and brevity.)

V. Facilities Report

A. Department of Public Health (DPH) Inquiry

(See documents on file, below: Actions & 2/19/19 Minutes p.2-3 #V.)

- The Martha’s Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) contacted the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) about their mold/mildew testing program, to reduce costs Tisbury School testing costs. Environmental consultant Sarah Gibson visited the School and her report (similar to previous opinions) advised:
 - in the short term spend funds on building envelope repair/ventilation--not testing;
 - report to the DPH—the process might carry strictures;
 - proceed with long term goal of a larger school project.
- Over the winter break two more significant leaks appeared, one of them from the 2014 (new) roof section—the warranty was being researched.

II. Tisbury Police Chief Mark Saloio

A. Crossing Guards - Tabled

III. Superintendent’s Report

A. All-Island School Committee (AISC)

(See below: #IV & 2/19/19 Minutes p.2 #IV.)

- The March 25th meeting would focus on Superintendent Matt D’Andrea’s 2019 goals:
 - Special Education, continuing Shillinglaw report implementation;
 - Health/Wellness MedStar report implementation;
 - Facilities (Tisbury, Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS), athletic fields).
- The MVRHS Building Committee would host a presentation and student video on the Feasibility Study warrant article (see below: Meetings/Events).
- Asst. Supt. Richie Smith organized courses for tomorrow’s Teacher-directed Professional Development (PD) day:
 - Responsive Classroom;
 - Michigan Model (Martha’s Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) wellness curriculum);

- English Language Learners (ELL);
- Google Read and Write;
- Understanding Trauma;
- Differentiation Visual Aids.
- plus an evening workshop for parents on autism and developmental disabilities.
- The TSC was: most appreciative of Associate Principal Sean Mulvey's tenure at the Tisbury School, expressed their sorrow at his leaving and congratulated the MVRHS on gaining his talents.
- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. JANET PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. AMY HOUGHTON THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE VERY RELUCTANTLY BUT UNANIMOUSLY (2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) ACKNOWLEDGED WITH GREAT THANKS AND BEST WISHES THE RESIGNATION OF ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL SEAN MULVEY AT THE END OF THE 2018-2019 CONTRACTED SCHOOL YEAR.**

I. Approval of Minutes

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. HOUGHTON THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2019 MEETINGS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED; 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

VI. Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget (See documents on file.)

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. HOUGHTON THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESCINDED THE TISBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020 JANUARY 14, 2019 AND FEBRUARY 4, 2019 VOTED BUDGETS AND RE-AFFIRMED THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 APPROVAL AT \$7,158,555.22 AS PER DRAFT #5G: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

A. Fund Balances (See documents on file.)

- School Choice balance was ~\$350,000 and of that \$100,000 had recently been transferred to the FY19 Budget and \$50,000 was committed to the FY20 budget.
- The Town Accountant returned a \$260 Circuit Breaker balance to the Town General Fund. The TSC discussed other outstanding article residuals.
- Synergy had yet to deliver emergency kits (see 5/9/17 Minutes p.3 #C & below: Actions).

B. School Choice Request (See documents on file.)

The request was for the Tisbury half share of a special needs/placement evaluation, which might determine the need for another \$31-32,000 in estimated service or placement costs.

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. HOUGHTON THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED \$24,397.20 FROM SCHOOL CHOICE TO PAY THE TISBURY SCHOOL PORTION OF A SPECIAL NEEDS EVALUATION; 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Maintenance Budget

The Maintenance deficit was now \$27,664 (budgeted at \$78,500). It was noted that these funds were spent not to renovate, beautify or expand but to keep school doors open so students and staff could work. Planning Board representative Ben Robinson suggested the school show a record of the last 15 years of maintenance spending and that the standard was to spend 10% of a school budget on maintenance—for Tisbury School \$700,000.

VIII. Principal's Report

A. School Events (See documents on file.)

- There would be a short TSC/Selectmen meeting today and a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting tomorrow.
- MCAS testing would start April 2nd.
- Gardening Club had become Gardening/Cooking Club thanks to Island Grown Schools (IGS), with special commendations for food waste composting.

B. Student Information Management System (SIMS) Report

The March 1st census (300 students) was 10 more than October.

V. Facilities Report (See documents on file.)

The Turowski Two (T2) preliminary design for renovation/addition of the Tisbury School was reviewed as a starting point for the school project.

- The Town Administrator had a firmer and lower price for the Professional Services article; however, the TSC noted that the required bid process was not predictable—today was the warrant deadline.
- It was reported that the \$72,000 residual from the previous Feasibility Study article (see 3/8/16 p.2-3 #V B1) was being returned to the General Fund.
- Mr. Robinson suggested:
 - starting design from scratch using information from the previous study;
 - a town involvement in reviewing/revising the education plan and drafting a Request for Quotation (RFQ);
 - \$800,000 for professional services as reasonable even for modest renovation/addition.
- Mr. Paul Lazes reported public misconception that the article was duplicate spending.
- Ms. Houghton, Principal John Custer and Supt. D'Andrea emphasized:
 - Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) \$340,000 reimbursement for the previous Feasibility article;
 - Tisbury ownership of the renovation/addition design;
 - despite joint meetings, no Selectmen communication challenging the Education Plan;
 - the article as Tisbury (not MSBA) directed;
 - clear communications to the public.
- The PTO successfully applied for Community Preservation (CPC) funds for a standard basketball court, a movable structure and possibly some grass improvements—depending on Field Fund advice/involvement. The PTO carefully chose location and spending to be flexible for the upcoming school project but there were likely to be public questions on improvements that might be destroyed or damaged pending construction/design, etc. Ms. Packer emphasized being good stewards of the facility and serving all Tisbury School students both present and future.

Adjournment

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. HOUGHTON THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 9:46AM.

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- MVRHS Building – 3:30PM, Thursday, March 14, 2019 MVRHS LCR
- AISC Personnel Subc. – 8:00AM, Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Supt. Of.
- MVRHS Bldg. AIBOS/ AIFC -7:00PM, Thursday, March 21, 2019 – Tis. Sr. Center
- AISC - 5:00pm, Monday, March 25, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- **TSC/SAC – 8:30am, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Tisbury School**
- MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, April 1, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- **TSC – 8:30am, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Tisbury School**
- Tisbury Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2019
- Tisbury Town Ballot – Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Appendix B: Actions

- Supt. D’Andrea – consult MVPS counsel re: DPH reporting.
- Supt. D’Andrea / Chair Houghton – AISC Agenda - Early Childhood SpEd Update
- Ms. Loberg – contact Town Accountant re: warrant article residuals incl. Feasibility.
- Prin. Custer – contact Synergy and/or Chief Saloio re: emergency kits.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/12/19
- Tisbury School Fund Balances Fiscal Year 2018-2019 3/11/19
- Evaluation purchase order 1/5/19
- Tisbury School Events
- Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Student Information Management System Report 4 Enrollment Statistics School Summary Mar 2019 FY2019 (2 p.)
- Tiger Tales March 2019 (4 p.)
- Tisbury School FY’20 Budget Analysis Draft #5G February 19, 2019
- Tisbury School Budget for 2019/2020 Draft #5G February 19, 2019 (6 p.)
- Tisbury School Employee List for 2019-2020 Proposed Budget (3 p.)
- Mulvey letter of resignation 3/1/19
- Law Office of Sarah Gibson memo re: Tisbury Elementary School (11 p.) 3/11/19
- Addition-Renovation Site Plan presented 6/19/2017 (7 p.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 4/9/19