

Tisbury School Committee
5:00PM, Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Emergency Services Facility Training Room
and by Zoom Conference

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TSC Members Present: Acting Chair - Michael Watts, Jen Cutrer,

Others: Tony Peake, Recorder - Marni Lipke,
CHA Projects – Aditya Modi, Michael Owen,
WT Rich – Jon Rich

Staff: Principal John Custer, Superintendent Matt D’Andrea,
Asst. Superintendent. Richie Smith, Asst. Principal Melissa Ogden,
Mark Friedman – Business Administrator,
Emily Crossland, Meredith Goldthwait, John Mode, Jane Taylor,
Nicole Shirley, Anne Williamson,

Town: Town Administrator – Jay Grande, FinCom – Jynell Kristal,
Planning Board – Ben Robinson,

* Late Arrivals or early departures of TSC members.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 5:02PM. As a hybrid (Zoom/in-person) meeting, roll call votes were required.

- (Recorder’s note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

I. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. JEN CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. MICHAEL WATTS THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2022 MEETING WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.**

II. Superintendent’s Report

- The Health and Safety Committee would meet Thursday to discuss the recent uptick in Covid cases—no protocol changes were expected.
- The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) would receive the electric buses in the next 2 weeks. The VTA agreed to allow charging at their plant while future charging options were explored.

C. Town Meeting Update

• Superintendent Matt D’Andrea thanked everyone for their continuing support of school budgets, which had passed in 5 Towns, with Aquinnah voting this evening.

A. All Island School Committee (AISC) (See below: Meetings/Events.)

All members were urged to attend the next meeting to discuss the Superintendent’s position.

B. Student Support Services – Tabled

III. Principal’s Report

A. School Events (See documents on file & below: Meetings/Events.)

After 2 years of curtailed and canceled activities it was educational and exciting to be able to report so many events.

- Science/Math/Engineering MCAS testing was in progress.
- After a December cancelation the All Island Band concert would be at the Performing Arts Center (PAC).
- The annual Memorial Day Walk to the Sea would resume, as would a number of field trips: Polly Hill, Ropes Course, The Trustees of Reservation (TTOR) on Chappaquiddick, Martha's Vineyard Museum, Allen Farm, Penikese Island Science, Great East Festival band, Menemsha Hills, etc.
- Eighth grade students were looking forward to the Washington, D.C. trip followed immediately by Graduation.
- The fourth grade health class was working on a role model unit: identifying models and thinking about what in themselves was a model. Students named and researched or interviewed their models, which included athletes, musicians, scientists, teachers and community members. The adult community models were even more excited than the students. The TSC and Principal John Custer gave shout outs to:
 - ° Health teacher Jane Taylor for the wonderful unit and community outreach, and
 - ° the Tabernacle for their warm welcome and hosting of the Tisbury School graduation.

B. Personnel

1. Request for Approval of One-Year-Only (OYO) Grant-Funded Middle School Academic Support Teacher

This requested Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) III grant funded position was similar to the one-year-only elementary support teacher (see 4/5/22 Minutes p.3 #V C). It was consistent with the ESSER parameters as proposed by the Community Forum and would be a great advantage to students.

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A ONE-YEAR-ONLY GRANT-FUNDED MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT TEACHER POSITION; 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

2. Resignation

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY BUT RELUCTANTLY AND WITH MANY THANKS APPROVED THE RESIGNATION OF SECOND GRADE EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL JESSICA BUCKLEY AT THE END OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE. Administration hoped she would return.

3. Maternity Leave Requests

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, WITH CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES, MATERNITY LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR:

- SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE MATH TEACHER KARI LEAL ON OR AROUND JUNE 22, 2022, AND
- SPANISH TEACHER KELLY HAYES FROM THE START OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR FOR 12 WEEKS RETURNING ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 28, 2022:

2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

IV. Financial Report

A. Fund Balances (See documents on file.)

There were no areas of concern. The \$335,000 School Choice balance included the \$100,000 commitment to the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget. End-of-year transfers would be drafted for the June meeting.

- The Manter Fund was conservatively invested and should not be unduly affected by current market volatility.

B. Grant Funding

Grants would be spent within their restrictions and deadlines. State Covid relief/recovery funds continued to be received.

VI. Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC) Report

B. Project Update

- The school and community were happy to see temporary school site preparations:
 - area safely secured;
 - first modular delivery expected this week, weather permitting;
 - permit requests sent to Building Inspector Ross Seavey,
 - slower process for utilities, plumbing, waste, etc.
- The School was adapting to the loss of the playground and parking, coordinating upper and lower school recess, using the front entrance loop. Appreciation and thanks went to neighborhood support, the American Legion, and the Emergency Services Facility (ESF).
- The TSC and Prin. Custer commended the professional team (Tappé Architects, Daedalus/CHA Owners Project Managers (OPM), and WT Rich Construction Manager at Risk (CMR)) for their responsiveness and sensitivity to School issues, for example work blackouts during MCAS testing.

A. Discussion and Decision on School Renovation and Addition Options Presented to the Tisbury School Building Committee

After delivery of the 60% construction drawings (CDs), CHA, Tappé And WT Rich performed independent estimates and then combined and negotiated for a clear cost. Due to the global market pressures (supply chain, labor shortage, war in Ukraine) the core construction estimate increased from \$42,350,000 to \$52,416,000. The TSBC met to consider how to proceed.

- There was no appetite for going back to the Town for an additional \$10,000,000.
- The professional team presented 3 options, all of which suggested a path forward by separating elements that could be eliminated, funded, and/or voted at a later date. For example all 3 options separated the site planting/playground components. It was noted that hazardous materials would be fully abated in all 3 options.
 - Option #2 would eliminate the new gym and renovate the old gym. It was the least popular because it failed to meet the Education Plan or educational space standards, and required major re-design.
 - Option #1 reduced many elements and materials from “Cadillac” to “Suburban” quality (requiring higher maintenance expenses) and separated the administration wing for further funding/vote, but this option developed significant budgeting problems.
 - Option #3 separated window replacement and masonry for further funding/vote. This option had the advantage of being the more efficient and timely in terms of design, unit price bidding, construction and flexibility.

The TSBC was not happy with any of the choices, lamenting the difficult trade-offs, examining square footage, windows, fundraising options, promises to the Town. In addition, final hard numbers would not be known until the primary bids were in. However, they understood the primary goal to start the project as soon as possible to avoid further inflation as well as extended temporary school modular rent at \$105,000 per month.

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH OPTION #3; 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Approval of Invoices

A process to standardize the billing procedures with TSBC Working Group and OPM review had been established.

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS, THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING INVOICES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE;

- INVOICE 39235-14 CHA/DAEDALUS FOR \$60,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND BIDDING PROCESS;

2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

- Ms Nicole Shirley reported on staff excitement on the start of project work, citing the long wait and continuing uncertainty.
- The TSC congratulated Ms. Anne Williamson on her daughter's graduation from the University of Michigan—he daughter was a Tisbury School alumni.

Adjournment

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:56PM; 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE MR. WATTS—AYE.

Chair Michal Watts thanked everyone for their flexibility and attendance.

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- TSB – 3:15PM, Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – Town Hall/Zoom
- TSBC – 3:30PM, Monday, May 16, 2022 – Zoom
- MVRHSC/Regional – 6:00PM, Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - MVRHS
- AISC – 6:30PM, Thursday, May 19, 2022 – MVRHS
- SAC – 3:00PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2022 – TBD
- MVRHSC – 6:00PM, Monday, June 6, 2022 – Zoom
- TSC – 3:30PM, Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – Hybrid – ESE
- Graduation – 5:00PM, Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – Tabernacle

Appendix B: Actions

Mr. Watts/Prin. Custer – attend Select Board meeting tomorrow.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 5/10/22
- Tisbury School Meetings & Events
- Tisbury School Fund Balances Fiscal Year 2021-2022 5/10/22
- Custer email re: School building project update 5/6/22
- Tiger Tales April/May 2022 (6 p.)

continued

Appendix C: Documents on File (cont.):

- Leal email re: Maternity Leave Request 4/28/22
- Buckley email re: Letter 4/26/22
- Hayes email re: Notice of Maternity Leave 5/3/22
- Chat:

Mark Friedman to Everyone (5:41 PM)

I have to leave for Aquinnah. Looking forward to hearing how this discussion goes in the next day or two from John. - Mark

Matthew D'Andrea to Everyone (5:46 PM)

I have to leave for Aquinnah town meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 8/9/22