

Tisbury School Committee
5:25PM, Thursday, March 28, 2024
Oak Bluffs School Library

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TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Jen Cutrer, Michael Watts,
Staff: Richie Smith – Superintendent,
Mark Friedman – Business Administrator,
Town: FinCom: Louise Clough,
Others: Marni Lipke – Recorder

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

I. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2025) Tisbury School Budget

A. Vote to Re-certify (See documents on file.)

In order to avoid an override the Town asked all departments to reduce their budgets. The only option that would not affect staffing was to increase the School Choice commitment (currently at \$75,000). Members suggested committing an additional \$75,000 provided it was not taken from the Shared Services budget part. In accordance with past practice the funds would be transferred into the largest Tisbury School line item—usually the General Teachers salaries.

- Assuming next year's School Choice was the same as FY24, there would still be a \$200,000 balance at the end of FY25.

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. MICHAEL WATTS AND SECONDED BY MS. JEN CUTRER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) LOWERED THE TISBURY SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ASSESSMENT BY COMMITTING AN ADDITIONAL \$75,000 (FOR A TOTAL OF \$150,000) IN SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDS TO THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND RE-CERTIFIED ITS FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET.**

• Finance Committee (FinCom) representative Louise Clough thanked the TSC and noted that although other departments were reducing budgets, Tisbury School Principal John Custer was the only one to respond directly to the FinCom's letter.

Adjournment

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:34PM: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Appendix A: Meetings/Events

- Moana Junior Musical – 6:30PM, Friday & Saturday, April 5-6, 2024 - PAC
- TSC – 4:00PM, Tuesdays, April 9, 2024 May 14, 2024 June 11, 2024
- Project Status & Planning – 1:00PM Tuesdays,
- Annual/Special Town Meeting – Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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Appendix B: Actions

April Agenda

- Minutes 3/12/24, 3/28/24
- Staffing Update – Resignation of Cassandra Atwood

Appendix C: Documents on File

- Agenda 3/28/24
- Custer/Gilfoy email re: Reducing FY25 Budget (URGENT) 3/25/24

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 4/9/24