

Tisbury School Committee
9:30AM, Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Tisbury School Conference Room

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TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Colleen McAndrews, Janet Packer,
Staff: John Custer – Principal, Richie Smith – Asst. Superintendent
Amy Tierney – Business Administrator, Melissa Ogden,
Rita Jeffers,
Others Marni Lipke – Recorder
WST: Joy Robinson Lynch, Alex Palmer, Alan Strahler, Kristi Strahler,
* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 9:33AM.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Policy (See documents on file.)

1. Immunization, Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender / Queer (LGBTQ),
Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – First Readings

(See documents on file & Minutes: TSC: 2/13/18 p.1 #II & 4/10/18 p.1 #II A.1 and AISC 1/25/18 p.2 #IV.)

- The Anti-Bias Policy was revised for all students, but highlighted more inclusive language for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer (LGBTQ) (i.e. non-conforming gender) students, who were often the most vulnerable due to a difficulty in understanding. The purpose was to set the foundation to welcome all students and to commit to MVPS staff training and support for each school in implementing the policy on a day-to-day basis. Mr. and Ms. Alan and Kristi Strahler spoke of their grandchild who identified as non-conforming in second grade. Assistant Supt. Richie Smith recognized the outstanding contributions of We Stand Together (WST) members Ms. Sarah Kuh, Ms. Joy Robinson Lynch and Ms. Kathy Tackabury, as well as the support of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) expert Jeff Perrotti and Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS) legal counsel Paige Tobin. The TSC thanked everyone for their excellent work in educating the TSC and Administration.

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. JANET PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. COLLEEN MCANDREWS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FIRST READING OF THE TISBURY SCHOOL REVISED ANTI-BIAS POLICY; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

- Ms. Linda Leonard and the MVPS school nurses updated the Immunization and AED policies to comply with current law and practices.

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. MCANDREWS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FIRST READING OF THE TISBURY SCHOOL REVISED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR POLICY; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. MCANDREWS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FIRST READING OF THE TISBURY SCHOOL REVISED IMMUNIZATION POLICY; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

B. Legislative Bulletin

The Bulletin reported the proposed distribution of this year's State surplus, with components to Chapter 70, Circuit Breaker (72% to 73% of the promised 100%), Regional Transportation, Charter School reimbursement, with some changes being fairly incremental.

III. Financial Report

A. Fund Balances (See documents on file.)

- The Manter Fund still had a healthy balance after Washington, DC trip scholarships.
 - The School Choice balance would be reduced by \$200,000 (\$100,000 committed to both the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) and FY19 Budgets (see Minutes: 1/10/17 p.2 # III C & 12/12/17 p.2 #III C). School Choice revenue was low and would remain flat due to lack of available slots. In addition there would be further draws for maintenance projects required following the failure of the new School project (see below: Actions).
 - The TSC strongly commended Principal John Custer for his amazing stewardship of the building, balancing cost conscious with the safety and comfort of the children and staff. Prin. Custer reviewed building spending vs. budgeting (see 4/10/18 Minutes p.2) including security systems (doors, locks, cameras) roof, tiling, hallways, wood laminate flooring in seven classrooms, two new boilers, dry wall repair, and paint (although many surfaces would no longer accept paint):
 - \$140,000 for FY17 - budgeted at \$88,500,
 - \$113,000 for FY13 budgeted at \$58,500,
 - \$132,000 for FY14 budgeted at \$68,500,
 - \$175,000 for FY15 budgeted at \$68,500, plus \$255,000 for the new roof,
 - \$148,000 for FY16 - budgeted at \$88,500, and
 - \$63,000 for FY18 to date - budgeted at \$88,500.
 - In a meeting with Town Administrator Jay Grande and Town Facilities Director Kirk Metell, Prin. Custer:
 - advised the Town to hire professionals instead of relying on the School Administrators and the TSC whose expertise was in education not facilities;
 - gave Architects Turowski Two (T2)'s comprehensive report to Mr. Metell;
 - would pass work through the Facilities Director instead of calling contractors directly.
- The TSC discussed (see below: Actions):
- TSC/ Administration stewardship of the facility;
 - Mr. Grande hesitation in adding the School to Mr. Metell's job description;
 - notification that the issue would be on this meeting's agenda;
 - difficult timing (bid and work) for any 2018 summer projects;
 - importance of collaborating with Town facilities personnel;
 - the need for a timely response to the T2 report; and
 - conversations with the Field Fund re: support with School Grounds.

B. Donation Receipt (See documents on file.)

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AND GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED \$600 FROM THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD STRIPED BASS DERBY FOR USE FOR THE TISBURY SCHOOL STUDENTS AS SEEN FIT BY GUIDANCE; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

IV. School Building Project

(See documents on file.)

A. Failed Vote - Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)

Today was the MSBA Report deadline for the report. The Board of Selectmen (BOS)) requested a letter withdrawing the Statement of Interest (SOI) was read. It was signed as required by the Superintendent and the TSC Chair. Although it had been delivered to the Town Administrator's office last Friday, the required BOS signature was still lacking due to some confusion over who was Acting BOS Chair.

B. Capital Building Committee

At the end and earlier in the meeting, the TSC discussed the next formal steps. The Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC) would be dissolved. The TSC and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) would continue to attend Selectmen and Planning Board meetings. The Selectmen requested a TSC representative for a formal Capital Building Committee, however members were hesitant to commit without further information such as directive, mission, membership, etc.

- After canvassing its members IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO RETAIN THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS:

- MS. HOUGHTON AS CHAIR;

- MS. HOUGHTON AND MS. PACKER AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

IV. Principal's report

A. School Events (See documents on file and below Meetings/Event.)

- The annual March to the Sea was scheduled for Friday, May 25th. Other events included two concerts (All Island Band, and Kindergarten through fourth Grade Vocal), the upcoming Washington, DC trip, a solar car race and Wellness Day. MCAS testing was in progress.
- The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) would suspend classes on May 21st for a student lead and organized community service day. Students would be bused to volunteer with over 45 participating Island organizations (Trade Winds, Sheriff's Meadow, Polly Hill, Wampanoag Tribe, beach clean up...). The TSC expressed their admiration and respect.

B. Personnel

1. Maternity Leave Requests

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MATERNITY LEAVE FOR MUSIC TEACHER MS. EMILY ANDERSON STARTING APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 AND RETURNING APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 17, 2018; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MATERNITY LEAVE FOR THIRD GRADE TEACHER MS. NICOLE SHIRLEY STARTING APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 26, 2018 AND RETURNING APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 13, 2018; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

The TSC wished them both well.

I. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2018 and April 30, 2018

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. MCANDREWS THE MINUTES OF THE:**
- **APRIL 10, 2018 MEETING AS WRITTEN AND**
- **APRIL 30, 2018 MEETING AS AMENDED**
- WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Adjournment

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MS. MCANDREWS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 10:35AM.**

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- PTO Meeting – 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 8, 2018
- AISC - 5:00PM, Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR
- March to the Sea – 12:15PM Friday, May 25, 2018
- MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, June 4, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR
- **TSC Meeting - 8:30pm, Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Tisbury School**
- Graduation - 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Tisbury School Gym

Appendix B: Actions

- Prin. Custer – report to the TSC on a list of maintenance and capital projects
- Prin. Custer/Ms. Houghton – contact OBS Prin. Megan Farrell re: Field Fund.
- Prin. Custer – report to the TSC on Mr. Metell’s response to the T2 list.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 5/8/18
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (Chilmark Elementary School, Edgartown Elementary School, Oak Bluffs Elementary School, Tisbury Elementary School, West Tisbury Elementary School, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Anti-Bias and Anti-Discrimination Policy (5 p.) 11/7/05
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Policy (10 p.) 6/7/04
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Immunization Policy (4/1/13)
- Legislative Bulletin re: The House Ways and Means Budget Recommendations 4/11/18
- Tisbury School Fund Balances Fiscal Year 2017-2018 5/7/18
- Tisbury School Events
- Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass check 4/5/18
- Shirley letter re: Leave of Absence 4/30/18
- Anderson letter re: Leave of Absence 4/26/18
- Loberg/D’Andrea/Houghton letter re: Withdrawal of SOI 5/4/18

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/ Marni Lipke.

Minutes approved by the TSC 6/8/18