

Tisbury School Committee
9:00 AM, Monday, August 12, 2019
Tisbury Emergency Services Facility Conference Room

TSC members present: Janet Packer, Michael Watts.
Staff: John Custer, Principal; Matthew D'Andrea, Superintendent;
Sean DeBettencourt, Teacher; Hope Fecitt, Teacher;
Meredith Goldthwait, Teacher; Natalie Krauthamer, Teacher;
Emily Levett, Teacher; Melinda Maveety, cafeteria staff;
Melissa Ogden, Assistant Principal; Janet Ponte, Cafeteria staff;
Richard Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Kara Webster, Teacher.
Town: Melinda Loberg, Selectman.
Others: Anna Cotton, Parent; Angie Francis, Parent; Keith Fullin, Parent;
Siobhan Mullin, Parent; Joao Prata, Parent; Nevette Previd, Parent;
Sean Roach, Parent.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order by Mike Watts at 8:36 AM.

A motion to approve the Tisbury School Committee minutes from July 15, 2019 and July 29, 2019 was made by Janet Packer, seconded by Mike Watts, and voted 2-0 in favor.

John Custer spoke about the potential plans for relocation of students, explaining that much depended on the extent and duration of any such relocation. He added that relocation options included other MV Public Schools, neighborhood buildings, and private buildings. He stated that he hoped relocation is not necessary, and that results from asbestos and lead testing would inform any actions.

Superintendent D'Andrea discussed the possible need for modular buildings, stating that he reached out to a contractor to gather information.

Mike Watts clarified that the School Committee does not want students or staff members in unsafe spaces.

John Custer expressed frustration over continued claims of purposeful deferred maintenance, and invited anyone sincerely curious to meet with him to review the relevant information.

Janet Packer discussed the funding for potential necessary maintenance and the possibility of the need for a Special Town Meeting.
Parent Siobhan Mullin asked that Town Administrator Jay Grande look into requirements for a Special Town Meeting.

Parent Nevette Previd requested that communication reflecting collaboration between the School Committee and Board of Selectmen be done in a thoughtful manner.

Mike Watts shared that the Tisbury School Building Committee endorsed the Education Program document, prepared by John Custer as part of the Massachusetts School Building Authority project. A motion was made (by Janet Packer) and seconded (by Mike Watts) to have the document updated as necessary by administration and interested educators. The motion was voted favorably, 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by John Custer

John Custer – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 10/2/19