

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

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TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Colleen McAndrews, Janet Packer,

Staff: John Custer – Principal, Sean Mulvey – Assoc. Principal;
Matt D’Andrea – Superintendent, Richie Smith – Asst. Supt.
Amy Tierney – Business Administrator,
Student Support – Nancy Dugan,
Rita Jeffers, Kari Leal, Melissa Ogden,

Others: Melinda Loberg – Selectman,
Tim Connelly-IGS Director
Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 8:37AM.

I. Approval of Minutes of 9/11/18

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. COLLEEN MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. JANET PACKER THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 MEETINGS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, WITH MS. PACKER ABSTAINING FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 due to absence.**

II. Superintendent’s Report

A. MCAS Results and Accountability

(See documents on file & Minutes: 12/10/15 p.1 #II A & 12/13/16 p.1 #II A & 11/7/17 p.2 #II B.)

MCAS school accountability had changed again and was now based on Meeting or Not Meeting Targets. Tisbury School met its targets with 80% of possible points (75% = State target) and was in line with other comparable Massachusetts schools. Further details were easily available on-line. The School continued to do well on tests due to adaptable school community effort and support. MCAS was important but only one of many educational evaluations.

III. Financial Report

A. Fund Balances (See documents on file.)

Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) balances had been rolled over. Tisbury School staff stability resulted in few new hires and a moderate Salary Increment line (~ \$45,000). School Choice revenues were posted and the \$308,000 balance would be reduced by \$100,000 dedicated to the FY19 Budget (see 12/12/17 Minutes p.2 #IV C). FY19 Circuit Breaker revenue would be minimal. The residual from the feasibility study article would continue to be held. Revolving School Lunch reflected start up purchases and was awaiting State reimbursement revenues.

• The Town Cabinet returned to its standard budget schedule (see below: Actions) rather than last year’s accelerated timeframe.

- Town Administrator Jay Grande and Ms. Packer were representing Tisbury in the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) contract negotiations.
- Island Grown Schools (IGS) was looking to stabilize revenues and so was canvassing schools on gradually moving toward paying 50% of IGS costs. Total Tisbury School IGS spending was \$24,640 (see documents on file & 9/11/18 Minutes p.1 #II). The TSC thanked IGS Director Tim Connelly for 10 years of excellent programs and hoped it would continue to be a part of the School. The Harvest of the Month was cranberries.

V. Facilities Needs/Maintenance

(See below: Meetings/Events & Actions.)

A. Air Quality Testing

(See documents on file & below: Actions & 8/27/18 Minutes p.4.)

Dr. William Vaughn of Nauset Environmental expressed surprise as to why the Tisbury School was pursuing testing, since industry standards were vague. The TSC noted:

- feasibility team opinion that building envelope and heating/ventilation/air quality were a priority problem;
- root cause moisture concerns (e.g. window lintels);
- importance of knowing if and where student/staff safety problems were;
- Nauset Environmental as one of the top mold/air quality companies in the region.

- The TSC strongly objected to:
 - joint Selectmen/TSC meeting delay (see 5/8/18 Minutes p.3 #IV B);
 - separate and unhelpful Selectmen meetings with individual TSC members and School Administrators;
 - possible Tisbury School facility warrant articles without School and TSC input.
- Principal John Custer would meet with Mr. Grande on the Education Plan (see 9/11/18 Minutes p.2 #V).
- Selectman Melinda Loberg reported she had not heard of any warrant articles. The Selectmen had consulted with Turowski Two Architects and she did not know why no joint meeting was scheduled except the Selectmen had been pretty busy.
 - When approached by Selectmen Tristan Israel, Prin. Custer responded that he was looking forward to a joint meeting. The TSC noted that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) application deadline was April 2019 requiring a decision on whether and what to apply for by January 1, 2019.
- The TSC considered a number of dates and suggested Tuesday, 4:00PM October 16, 2018 as a joint meeting possibility.

V. Principal's Report

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

- The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) continued to meet the day after TSC meetings and had been in constant contact about school projects. Parent/Teacher Conferences were October 23rd-29th.
- Prin. Custer highlighted the Islandwide Education Support Professional (ESP) training by Safety-Care, focused on de-escalation and non-violent prevention rather than holds or restraints. As classes were limited to 10 ESP's per trainer, MVPS logistics were complex. It was hoped that a staff member from each school would advance to being certified a Safety-Care trainer (\$600 each).

B. Community Preservation Act (CPA) Application (See documents on file.)

Prin. Custer submitted the preliminary application, taking some eighth graders with him as a field trip on municipal government. The final application was due October 28th. New wood chips were being spread this month and the fence was being repaired. Irrigation installation was suspended pending facility renovation/construction, as it would be damaged by heavy machinery. The PTO was working on thoughtful playground renovation proposals such as movable play equipment.

October 1, 2018 Student Census (See documents on file.)

- There were 290 students in the building of which 273 were Tisbury residents. The 17 School Choice students were estimated to result in \$80,000 revenue. Outgoing Tisbury School Choice students were estimated at 30-40. There were anecdotal reports that families were avoiding the school regarding lack of planning on facility issues. Administration pointed out fluctuations in middle school class sizes that would affect the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) assessment.

- The number of "heads" (i.e. people) teaching in the building was 133.44, some of them part-time, while the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing level was 71.3.

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED WITH BEST WISHES AND GRATITUDE FOR LONG SERVICE, THE RETIREMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AND FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER ALICE ROBINSON AS OF THE END OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

- Ms. Houghton announced a workshop on accessibility at the Barn & Bowl 5:00-7:00, Wednesday, October 10th with a number of experts on inclusion and needs assessment.

- Special Education consultant Jim Shillinglaw would return to the Island November 7th-8th to observe and interview on early childhood issues. Parents, teachers, school committees etc. were encouraged to participate.

- MVPS Business Administrator Amy Tierney would speak on procurement at the joint Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) conference (see below: Meetings/Events.)

Adjournment

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 9:43AM.**

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- AISC - 4:00pm, Thursday, October 18, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR
- MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, October 22, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR
- MVRHSC Workshop - 4:00pm, Monday, November 5, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR
- MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, November 5, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR
- Joint MASC/MASS Conference- 4:00pm, Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in Hyannis
- TSC Meeting – 8:30am, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Tisbury School

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Appendix B: Actions

- November 13, 2018 Agenda
- First Draft FY20 Budget
- Town Facilities Director Kirk Metell
- Ms. Houghton/Ms. Loberg – propose Joint TSC/BOS meeting 4PM, 10/16/18.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/9/18
- Preliminary Accountability Report – Tisbury Elementary
- Tisbury School Events
- Town of Tisbury Community Preservation Committee 2018-2019 Meeting Dates
- Determination of Eligibility Application Packet for CPA Funding Due No Later than 4:30PM on Friday, September 28, 2018
- School Attending Report “Worksheet” Census Data As Of October 1, 2018 2018-2019 School: Tisbury (2 p.)
- Tisbury School Fund Balances Fiscal Year 2018-2019 10/5/18
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- Tim Connelly Program Manager, Island Grown Schools
- Robinson retirement letter 10/1/18

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Minutes approved 11/13/18