



## **EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 5:30pm  
Edgartown School Library**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2022**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
  - A. Finance Report
  - B. Donations
- IV. Superintendent's Report**
  - A. General Update
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- V. Principal's Report**
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### **Minutes**

Present: Co Chairs: Kimberly Kirk and Kelly McCracken, and Louis Paciello  
Others: Supt., Dr. Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr., Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Dir. Student Support, Hope MacLeod, Deb DeBettencourt - guidance counselor, Brooke Leahy, PTA President, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett, Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order at 5:38.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2022**

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022 and Kimberly Kirk seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### **II. PTA Report**

Brooke Leahy -an outdoor Boosterthon Fun Run will be held on May 31. The pep rally is Monday, May 23. This is their first fundraiser since the pandemic. The PTA is selling sponsorship signs for \$100. Anyone can buy one and they will be set up to line the drive to the school and the field where the running takes place. The sponsorship forms can be found online or send an email to the Edgartown PTA.

#### **III. Finance Report**

**A. Finance Report** -Matt D'Andrea gave the finance report for Mark Friedman who was absent. Deficit in Kindergarten teacher salary.

Deficit in sub salary due to the increase in the sub pay rate and the amount of times subs have been used.

\$185,000 remains in the residential expense line and that is not scheduled to be used.

A question was asked about the deficit in the Kindergarten salary and the answer was that the details can be learned from Mark Friedman.

#### **B. Donations**

Shelley Einbinder presented this list of 18 donations:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
MV Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby	\$ 700.00	Needy Students

Garrett Box	\$ 12.00	None Listed
On behalf of Joe Solari	\$ 500.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
On behalf of Joe Solari	\$ 150.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
John & Nancy Levanchy	\$ 100.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Anonymous	\$ 35,000.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Stop & Shop	\$ 500.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Edgartown Meat & Fish Market	\$ 1,000.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
David & Karen Brush	\$ 1,000.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Cynthia Oakes	\$ 500.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Lillian Province	\$ 50.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
FJS Construction Inc.	\$ 500.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Better Lawns & Gardens	\$ 150.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Caleb & Katherine Epstein	\$ 100.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Matthew & Juliet Cestar	\$ 200.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Patrick Mahady	\$ 500.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
MV Vacation LLC	\$ 1,000.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
Bernier's Market	\$ 100.00	Class of 2022 Trip to DC
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$ 42,062.00</b>	

The Garrett Box donation came from T-shirts that he is selling with \$1 donated for each sold.

The School Committee expressed gratitude for the work of the 8th grade advisors, Gail Gardner and Meaghan Morris, who were instrumental in organizing a letter writing campaign and posting a notice on Islanders Talk on Facebook. The students will write thank you notes. The trip is 3 days and they are taking a bus and not a plane. A question was asked about the cost of the trip and the answer is around \$50,000.

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to accept the donations as listed and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### **IV. Superintendent's Report**

**A. General Update** - Matt D'Andrea hopes we are past the pandemic. The weekly testing program remains in place and will be unless the State pulls the funding. The plan is to continue it for the rest of the school year.

There were 4 town meetings on April 12 and all 4 budgets were passed.

There was an Edgartown Energy efficiency Warrant Article that also passed. The towns are all very supportive of the schools.



**B. Special Education Update** - Hope MacLeod gave a Student Support Services update. All the schools will have information presented to staff regarding the difference between 504 Plans and IEPs. There are 2 different laws: the IDEA guides the IEPs and the Civil Rights Act guides 504. IEPs delineate what is taught in a specialized manner and 504s outline accommodations that level the playing field for students to access the curriculum. IEPs are only for school age children but 504s follow adults to college and to the workplace and are building based. There are about 15 students on 504s in the Edgartown School which is low but consistent across the island. At the Edgartown School a School Counselor, Deb DeBettencourt, makes sure staff know the 504 accommodations needed to support students.

A question was asked about how students are identified. The answer is that it can be that parents request a team to look at their student, or teachers could raise a concern and ask for a referral to the guidance counselor to convene a team meeting as well. Sometimes the 504 will be created due to an IEP eligibility meeting where the student is not found to need an IEP.

A question was asked if Hope was involved in each case and the answer is no, the guidance counselor is the coordinator at the Edgartown School. The same type of team process takes place for an IEP determination meeting.

A question was asked if we have a school psychologist and if they are involved in conducting assessments. The answer is that there are 3 school psychologists on the island and if cognitive testing is needed they conduct the assessments and they would attend the team meetings.

There is a Basic Rights Workshop for all island parents to understand their rights under Special Education Laws - the Federation of Special Needs is arranging the presentation on Thursday, April 13, 2022

**C. Town Meeting** - there was no report on Town Meeting

## **V. Principal's Report**

**A. After School Clubs** – Sue Costello presented on the Clubs as she is coordinating them. After school clubs recently started again at the Edgartown School after stopping due to COVID. There are typically 3 6-week sessions each year. The teachers offer to teach classes of all types according to their interests. 44 students have signed up. Volleyball took 54 Middle School students so they had a lower attendance. 6 clubs are going and 1 club will be offered in the fall.

- Garden Club
- Baton Twirling
- Embroidery Club
- Walking Club
- Sewing Club

Sign Language Club

Brazilian Ensemble Club will be offered in the fall

A question was asked if parents could come in to teach some of these clubs. Another question was asked if community members could come in if they are CORI'd and fingerprinted. The answer was yes. The School Committee expressed their gratitude to Sue Costello and the teachers who are creating the After School Clubs. A question was asked if the doors to the entrance of the school were being kept locked. The answer was yes and that we need to wait until after the break to make any changes.

#### **B. Security Upgrade – Approval Request**

There is \$20,181 left in the money from a security upgrade Warrant Article that needs to be used by the end of June 2022. Joel Deroche and Darren Belisle helped Shelley Einbinder identify areas that could benefit from additional security cameras as well as cameras that needed updating to improve the resolution. The project was put out to bid. The total cost of the low bid was \$63,635.

\$26,000 could be spent from the Facility Upgrade line and \$17,454 Building Improvement line item is available and to date it is not designated for projects. That leaves some money in Building Improvement in case there are projects to be done before the end of the year. It makes sense to do the whole project at once instead of parsing it out over multiple years.

Mr. Paciello said the costs seemed high. A question was asked about the breakdown of costs: installation of exterior and interior cameras, installing new ports, purchasing new cameras, creating a new server to store and stream the videos. The existing cameras were installed in 2018 but they need upgrading. The School Resource Officer gave the recommendations for where and how the cameras should be added and angled.

A comment was made about locks being installed and needed to be fixed still. It seems that going with the lowest bid is a problem. A question was asked if the committee has to go with the lowest bid. The answer was that you do have to go with the lowest bid. However, if prior work was not done satisfactorily and they reply to a new bid they can be bypassed due to the prior work being unsatisfactory.

A question was asked if the Administration uses the videos from the cameras. The answer was that yes, the administration uses the videos several times a week.

A question was asked about if the locks will be repaired and the answer is that the Head Custodian is resolving the lock problem. The locksmith was paid in advance a few years ago and he completed as much as could last fall 2021.



A comment was made by Technology teacher Gail Garnder that four years is a long time in technology so it makes sense that the cameras need software updating.

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the Facility Upgrade and Building Improvement line items to make the security upgrades and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

### **C. Enrollment**

There are 406 students enrolled now. 7th grade is the biggest class.

### **D. Personnel**

#### **New Hires**

1 ESP was hired to work in the K-4 resource room, Jessie Merriam.

1 part time nurse was hired, Vanessa Vachorasovan

#### **Resignation**

Nicole Barlett submitted her resignation letter. She had asked for a leave of absence and is now resigning.

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to accept Nicole Bartlett's resignation with regret and best wishes for her in the future and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no further discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

Advice was given that this vote was not necessary.

### **VI. Public Comment**

Thank you's were extended to Kelly Mcracken and a bouquet of flowers were presented because this was her last meeting. Laura Seguin will be joining the School Committee. Nedine Cunningham thanked her for her work with making sure that the Boys and Girls Club road did not cut through the school's field.

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to nominate Louis Paciello for the High School School Committee and Kelly McCracken seconded.

There was no further discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

### **VII. New/Old Business**

There was none.

### **VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30PM in the Edgartown School Library.

### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39