



**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 5:30 pm  
Via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2022 and July 29, 2022**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
- IV. Superintendent's Report**
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  - B. AISC
  - C. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod
- V. Principal's Report**
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  - E. Personnel
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### Minutes

**Present:** Chair, Kimberly Kirk and Louis Paciello,

**Others:** Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Director of Student Services, Brooke Leahy, PTA President, Deb Grant Kindergarten teacher, Tara Sykes Educational Support Personnel, Ken Romero Former Administrative Support Personnel, Deb DeBettencourt School Counselor, Jennifer Fournier 2nd Grade teacher, Nedine Cunningham Social Studies Teacher, Amy Tierney Town Accountant, Nichole Shank Art Teacher, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett, Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order at 5:44.

#### I. **Approval of Minutes from July 13 and July 29, 2022 (agenda Item I)**

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13 and July 29, 2022, Kimberly Kirk seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### II. **PTA Report (agenda Item II)**

Brooke Leahy presented information on the PTA. The group met on Tuesday, Sept 13 with good attendance. They still need to fill the vice president position. A staff member can fill the position. Someone is interested in becoming the treasurer. The PTA attended the Kindergarten picnic last week and gave out crayons and had a button-making machine. All teachers were given a gift of appreciation the first week of school; one succulent plant each.

Memberships need to be renewed annually. 40 members have signed up and most are staff. The PTA will be at the Open House and Curriculum Nights in order to get more members. Wednesday, October 12 there will be a Children's Day event and the PTA will have give-aways then too. They hope to encourage participation from the Brazilian community as well.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 at 2:45 in the staff dining room. The meeting times are rotated from drop-off time to pick-up time to evening time.

Kimberly Kirk thanked Brooke and the PTA for all they are doing for the school and the teachers.

### **III. Finance Report (agenda Item III)**

Mark Friedman presented the Fund Balance report which was updated from the report that was sent out before the meeting earlier in the week.

Fund 200 the Circuit Breaker has \$207,000. These are available to the school until the end of the fiscal school year.

Fund 400 School Lunch Fund with just over \$100,000 rolled over. The State will continue to allow free lunch and breakfast for students. The State is requiring more data collection. A question was asked if the School Lunch Fund will continue and the answer was yes. The state reimbursements come in at different times. It may be able to be used for some kitchen equipment.

School Choice Funds are at \$194,000.

The Elevator Repair Fund #5007 still has \$200,000 and no bills have been paid yet. They will not be paid until it is finished. \$237,000 is the total cost and some General Funds money will go towards the final costs. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022 regarding the final inspection and the school committee will be informed.

The energy committee is ready for the school to move forward with a schedule of green initiatives. These updates will be presented at the next meeting.

Fund 509 is in regards to the upgrade of the generator. This may be a project that Town Hall takes the lead on but that the school will need to report on.

Mark Friedman presented the expense report which does not include Shared Services. Overall it is in good shape. Some variances include: ASP expenses related to a staff person leaving and a new person arriving, for administration there is a small negative variance projected, the kindergarten teacher salaries reflect the timing of the hiring of staff or new staff not appearing in the budget. Some negative variances in the salary are contractual. Some salary amounts are place holders due to negotiations. There are still vacancies in specialist teachers and in assistants who still need to be hired. Substitute monies have not been spent yet. There were 4 special education teachers budgeted for and that is why the circuit breaker funds can be used for the 5th teacher that was hired this year.

A question was asked - was Sharon Engler's position already voted on to be paid for by the Circuit Breaker Fund? The answer is yes, it was already voted on.

In December the approved budget was slightly lower by \$21,000 when voted on by the Town than by the School Committee vote. This amount is related to the Shared Services expenditures. Mark Friedman will work with the town to reconcile that amount. Amy

Tiery concurred.

#### **IV. Superintendent's Report (agenda Item IV)**

Richie Smith was not available to report

A. General Update-

B. AISC - All Island School Committee

C. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod presented information about the numbers of students getting services and the results of a parent survey which was very positive regarding the special education services offered in the Edgartown School. The handout is also available online.

It seems to be a strong start even though there are some more hires to be made.

#### **V. Principal's Report (agenda Item V)**

A. Opening of School - very smooth, Custodians worked hard to get the school open, the traffic department got the parking lot looking good, Dr. Einbinder thanked the EPD for helping with traffic, and the EFD for helping organize the first fire drill on Sept. 9. Two community building meetings were held in the gym with a focus on safety and community building.

B. Enrollment 394 with 8 students pending as of September 6.

C. Upcoming Events

September 20, 2022 6 p.m. Open House, Health Fair, Garden Celebration and Community BBQ-first time in 3 years.

Curriculum Nights will be in-person: K-4 and 5-8 and the dates and times are posted on the website.

Grade 6 will go to Nature's Classroom from Oct 11-14 and families will receive the information very soon.

A question was asked if the honor roll breakfast will return and the answer is yes it will return to in-person.

D. Elevator Update

An extensive project was undertaken in July and August and recently the final inspection failed due to a sensor that needs to be replaced. A new inspection is being rescheduled as soon as possible. In the meantime there are plans for accommodations if needed. Thank you to Mark Friedman for working to help get this resolved quickly.

E. Personnel

1. New Hires

A handout was supplied with all the new hires listed.

Nichole Gullotta, Colleen Hickey, Mariel Garcia, Catherine Doiron  
Carmen Creanga, Lucy Rinks, Sharon Engler, Kara Bestand Maggie  
Benoit, IGI.

## 2. Resignations

Meaghan Morris, Lorna Schenck, Teresa Temple, Jennifer Abreu,

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to accept the resignations and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

## 3. Leave of Absence

Lucy Rinks for OYO from her ESP position while she is a 6th grade teacher

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to accept the Leave of Absence request and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

## Changes in Staff Hours:

Gail Gardner decrease her hours to .8

Dan Townes decreased his hours from 7 to 6 and Jill Taney increased her hours from 5 to 6 per day.

No vote was required.

## 4. Request for Vote on Use of School Choice Funds – Custodial Staff

A custodian was hired to work while another staff member is out on workman's compensation. There have been savings due to the staff member being out. the request is for using School Choice Funds up to no more than \$35,548

The current School Choice Funds balance is at: \$194,670.72.

Kimberly Kirk made a motion and Louis Paciello seconded to approve the use of up to \$35,548 from the School Choice Fund to pay for the salary for the new custodian and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

In other news the 8th grade students worked during Beach Road weekend as cleaners and earned approximately \$8,000. The committee will accept the donation at October's meeting.

## VI. Public Comment

There was none.

## VII. New/Old Business

There was none.

## VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday, October 12, at 5:30 in the school library.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41