



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – 5:00 pm
VIA ZOOM**

REVISED AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2023**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
 - A. Vote to Recertify FY24 Budget – Shared Services Portion
 - B. Donations
- IV. Superintendent’s Report**
 - A. School Choice Vote for 2023-2024
 - B. General Update
 - C. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod
- V. Principal’s Report**
 - A. General Updates
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Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – 5:00 pm via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Chair, Kimberly Kirk and members Laura Seguin and Louis Paciello

Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Director of Student Services, Bruce McNamee Edgartown Chief of Police, Mark Friedman School Business Administrator, Debra Grant Kindergarten teacher, Kerry Branca Bridge teacher, Deb DeBettencourt School Counselor, Jennifer Fournier Second Grade Teacher, Nedine Cunningham Social Studies teacher, Sarah Banks parent, Bethh Zeller parent, Alex Morrison, Erin Ready parent, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett AP

The meeting was called to order by Kimberly Kirk at 5:08

Special item not on the agenda:

Shelley Einbinder reported that on the February 14th hoax phone call that caused a lockdown at the Edgartown School last month. She showed her appreciation for Bruce McNamee Edgartown Chief of Police and the Edgartown Police Department's support at that time and presented him with a plaque award expressing gratitude. Chief McNamee accepted on behalf of the department.

I. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2023

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the January minutes and Kimberly Kirk seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

II. PTA Report - Brooke Leahy -

Staff and bus drivers were all given cocoa bombs on Valentines Day and for Bus Driver's Appreciation Day.

Pizza Bingo is Wednesday, March 15, 2023 5-7:00 p.m. More volunteers are needed. If there are parents or 7th graders who need to do community service they should contact Brooke Leahy.

3 of the executive board will attend the Massachusetts State PTA convention on April 1st.

The PTA will meet next on Tuesday, March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in the Staff Dining Room.

III. Finance Report

A. Vote to Recertify FY24 Budget – Shared Services Portion

There was a \$4,846.07 reduction in Shared Services over approximately 12 line items

The new budget for FY24 is \$10,582,533.87 which is a 6.7% increase in the total budget

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to approve the revised budget and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. Donations

\$500 donated to the 7th grade class from the Edgartown Police Department

\$500 donated to the 8th grade class from the Edgartown Police Department

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

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. School Choice Vote for 2023-2024

Richie Smith asked the School Committee to affirm the Edgartown School staying in the School Choice Program. For FY23 DESE reports that Edgartown School is receiving 4 School Choice Students and sending 15 Students out of district.

Louis Paciello made a motion for Edgartown to remain in the School Choice Program and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. General Update

Richie Smith said he is looking forward to creating the 5 Year Strategic Plan and values the input of the School Committee.

C. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod

On March 12 there will be a sensory-friendly film showing called the Amazing Maurice.

The March newsletter is focused on new DESE guidelines regarding discipline and Hope McLeod shared the newsletter and showed the resources and links that are included in it.

V. Principal's Report

A. General Updates

The Outdoor Learning Campus Project has been split into two phases per the request of the town.

Phase 1 of the outdoor campus project includes:

- Playground area for the older students
- Restoration of the field
- Outdoor Classroom

The new anticipated cost is \$980,000 which is below 1 million which is what the town requested of the school.

B. Upcoming Events

7th grade will leave for the ski trip on Wednesday, March 8 and return Friday, March 10.

Pizza Bingo is Wednesday, March 15

On March 17 the school will host the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll and B.U.G. Awards Breakfast and also hold a Shamrock Run. Also, on March 17 Addison McDonough is the student who will represent the Edgartown School at the Island-Wide Spelling Bee.

C. Enrollment - 408 students with some pending students.

D. Personnel - no changes to report.

VI. Public Comment

Erin Ready, a concerned parent, commented on the current kindergarten class size which is growing. Richie Smith discussed some of the considerations that are made regarding enrollment. Kimberly Kirk thanked Erin for coming and confirmed that the School Committee does take enrollment decisions into serious consideration with the advice of Dr. Einbinder and Dr. Smith.

VII. New/Old Business

There was none.

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44