



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 5:00 pm
Edgartown School Library**

AGENDA

Please note: Some business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action

- I. Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2023**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure Report and Fund Balance
 - B. FY25 Budget Version 1
- IV. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Special Education Update (Hope MacLeod)
- V. Principal's Report**
 - A. HVAC Study
 - B. Explanation of School Choice
 - C. Enrollment
 - D. Upcoming Events
 - E. Personnel
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- VIII. Adjournment**



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Minutes

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Present: Chair, Louis Paciello and member Kelly Scott

Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Student Services Director, John Stevens Assistant Superintendent, Brooke Leahy PTA President, Nedine Cunningham 8th grade social studies teacher, Alicia Knight 3rd Grade Teacher, Deb Grant Kindergarten teacher, Darren Belisle Technology Administrator,

The meeting was called to order by Louis Paciello at 5:04 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2023

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 25, 2023, and Louis Paciello seconded.
There was no discussion, comments or changes.
The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

II. PTA Report - Brooke Leahy reported that the PTA will do Pizza Bingo next Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30 in the cafeteria. They are still looking for more members. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 28 at 5:30 at the offices of Allied Mortgage.

III. Finance Report - Mark Friedman reported on the reports below.

A. Expenditure Report and Fund Balance

Dr. Einbinder and Mark Friedman presented the first draft of the FY25 Budget.

B. FY25 Budget Version 1

Dr. Einbinder requested adding the following 3 positions and change to custodial service arrangements:

- 1.0 FTE Kindergarten teacher in order to maintain 3 kindergarten classes and in addition
- 1.0 FTE ESP position to go with that kindergarten class.
- 1.0 FTE Food Service worker.
- A request was made to change the payments for contracted (outside agency) custodial workers to cover the expenses for the salary for an additional 1.0 FTE custodian.

A question was raised about the possibility of a school expansion happening in the future and if the new playground placement will account for possible building additions. The answer was that yes, recently a project manager did a walk through to look at the placement of the new playground in regards to where a possible building expansion would take place.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. General Update -Dr. Smith presented information about the FY25 budget.

B. Special Education Update (Hope MacLeod) - Hope did not present.

V. Principal's Report

A. HVAC Study - Ken Beck, of BLW Engineers presented an executive summary of the study. Improvements in the coming years should improve air quality and energy efficiency.

The next stage is the engineering concept study phase.

B. Explanation of School Choice - Dr. Einbinder explained a handout that outlined the number of Edgartown students who are homeschooled, how many go to other districts, how many are received from other schools, and how many go to the charter school. It also explained the amount that Edgartown pays for School Choice.

C. Enrollment 378

D. Upcoming Events - November 15 is photo retake day and November 21 is the monthly fun run Turkey Trot. Today the school held an evacuation drill.

E. Personnel - Dr. Einbinder requested to spend School Choice money in order to fund one additional ESP position to provide assistance to a kindergarten classroom.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the use of School Choice funds to fund an additional ESP position to provide assistance to a kindergarten classroom, and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

VI. Public Comment - a question was raised about how many school committee members there are and Louis Paciello announced that Laura Seguin resigned today. The School Committee and Selectboard will appoint a candidate.

VII. Schedule Next Meeting(s): Wednesday, November 29 at 5:00 in the library

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.