



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025 – 12:00 pm
Via Zoom**

AGENDA

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

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2025**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Principal's Search Process
 - C. Student Support Services Update
- IV. Principal's Report**
 - A. Outdoor Learning Campus Update; Mike Owen, OPM, CHA
 - B. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
 - C. Request to Use School Choice Funds for FY24 Invoice
 - D. Personnel; leaves, resignation
 - E. Upcoming Events
- V. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure and Fund Balance Reports
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- VIII. Adjournment**

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Edgartown School Committee Minutes
12:00 pm Wednesday, February 5 2025
Via Zoom Only

ESC Members Present:

Chair Kelly Scott
Member Kristin Brown
Member Sarah Murphy

Staff:

John Stevens Principal
Deb Debettencourt Assistant Principal
Dr. Richard Smith Superintendent
Mark Friedman Business Administrator
Hope MacLeod Student Support
Justen Foster Science Teacher

Others:

Andrew Kelly - Edgartown Parks
David Warner - AS:A, President Warner Larson
Citizen: Justine Deoliveira
Smeer Bhoite -Warner Larson
Aditya Modi -CHA

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order 12:06 pm
(Recorder's note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

I. Outdoor Learning Campus Update: David Warner

Good meeting with working group and reached consensus on older kids play area updates.

NO change to younger kids area

Shared area with two separate budgets. There is a portion of the work that the parks will be taking on

Emphasis on preserving open lawn area close to the school

Pathway to provide accessibility

Play components remain the same.

Multi sport court/basketball, deck hockey, goals for young kids soccer.

Add on to the end of the play structure that parks requested.
One Edgartown community resource.
Parks after hours and on weekends will have access to entire space
Croquet, potential putting green next to neighbors
Racquet sports against cemetery
Very young children's area
Multi sport field(little league, soccer)

Andrew Kelly: Keeping small shaded spot
Shade is centrally located , good for teachers and for community

Public meeting February 19, 2025 6:00-8:00 pm Public Library
Construction starting in summer into the fall

David Warner: Moving into construction documents
Looking at a bid date in March
Keeping dates a little bit general: 'This will be constructed summer into the fall.

II Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2025

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2025 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING 3 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS

I. Superintendent's Report

A. Principal's Search Process

Convened Jan 28 considered 11 applicants
Interviewing 6 off island and local candidates
From the 6 committee will decide who they will interview in person
Second round will be more in depth
Will choose 2-3 finalists for school visits
Invite community and parents
Follow up with full faculty meeting
Couple of finalists we would be feeling strongly about we will visit their schools
Pleased with group of candidates
On target with timeline

B. General Update (C)

Meeting with edgartown finance committee wed feb 12
Met with tisbury and WT
Meeting with Oak Bluffs Aquinnah Chilmark operational budget meeting
Visioning meeting MVRHS project meeting at High School next week

C. Student Support Services Update-Hope McLeod (B)

No update at this time

IV. Principal's Report

A. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal

This past month annual math night "gellin with geometry"-successful
Older students helping/earned community service hours

3rd grade narrative writing presentations

Jukebox musical- 5th grade. Create a story using music that matches the theme of the story

Judge Benjamin Barns will be visiting with 7th graders/ mock trial/ sue costello
Enrichment group

Denise Schepici from hospital/ inspiring adult role models on island speaking to 8th graders

Report cards going home

Boys basketball made to finals -lost to WT /anthony Rabini Fisher Sandy Fisher coaches

SRO office complete

8th grade auction friday night at the PA club 6-8 pm

Volleyball starts today

B. Request to use school choice funds for FY24 invoice

Brunos has been Sending bills out for the school to a different address. Brunos bills from last fiscal year from June of last year. \$1,740 Pay this bill out of school choice.

ON A MOTION DULY MAKE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE THE TRANSFER OF \$1740 FROM SCHOOL CHOICE TO PAY THE BRUNO'S BILL. 3 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS

C. Personnel; leaves, resignation

Ryan Leandro- Family March 26-April 16

MaryEllen Guyther- Medical month of march, could extend to April

Darren Belisle -Resignation end of year

**ON A MOTION DULY MAKE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE LEAVE FOR MR LEANDRO AND MS GUYTHER AND THE RESIGNATION OF MR BELISLE
3 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS**

D. Upcoming Events

Judge Benjamin Barnes

Denise scartuccie

5th grade musical

8th grade auction

SAC meeting Tues the 11th

½ Wed 12

Ski Trip 12-14

19th School Spelling B

Winter Break

Honor roll breakfast

Spring musical Friday March 14, March 15

V. Finance Report-Mark Friedman

A. Expenditure and fund balance reports

Fund balance report Revolving lunch and school choice on target

Additional 10 or 15 thousand to be deposited

Fund balance is stable

Playground fund is in a pause as we wait for bids

Expense Report: No surprises.

Residential expenses making budget tight

Hope to receive reimbursement to cover most of the residential expenses

Circuit Breaker won't cover 100 percent- Have request for special town meeting to cover the balance

Substitute lines anticipate going to go over budget

Update next month with more detail. Things are going as expected.

Mark reviewing everything federally funded

School lunch programs come from federal government-

VI. Public Comment

PTA Report-Submitted by Kristin Brown:

A. Next meeting February 18, 5:30p

B. Art Competition

Some students moving on to state level

Bianca Nunes

Maeve Leahy

Maya Wallace

John curelli

VII. Schedule Next meeting

Wednesday March 12, 5:30

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