

## EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 2007  
Edgartown School Library  
7:00 PM

Those present were Chairperson Susan Mercier, Members Les Baynes and David Rossi, Superintendent Jim Weiss, Business Administrator Amy Tierney, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Laurie Halt, Principal John Stevens, Assistant Principal Anne Fligor, and Town Finance Committee Representative Fred Condon.

### I. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2007

On a motion by Les Baynes, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the minutes of October 16.

### II. Parent Groups and Community Input

No report was given.

### III. Finance Report

#### A. Expenditure Report FY08

Ms. Tierney distributed the general funds expenditures report, as of this date, including the breakdown of the fund balances. She reviewed various line items, including a substantial residual balance in the professional increments line, as a result of changes in staffing this year. A discussion was held regarding \$53,000 from the School Choice Fund that was placed in the fuel line of the General Funds last year. Mr. Rossi and Mr. Baynes said it would be best to confirm that the Town did, in fact, intent for this money to be added to the FY08 budget. Dr. Weiss said this issue should be examined with Town Administrator Pamela Dolby. Ms. Tierney told the Committee that the current balance includes the \$53K.

### VI. Superintendent's Report

#### A. October 1 Census

Dr. Weiss said that the net enrollment figure for the Edgartown School on October 1, 2007, was 377, which takes into account School Choice coming in and going out, home schooled, Charter School, and Montessori, and the Town is financial responsible for the 377 students. Ms. Mercier suggested that "exit interviews" be performed to better understand the rationale of coming to this school or attending school elsewhere.

#### B. Student Activity Account Policy – 1st Reading

Dr. Weiss presented to the Committee the Student Activity Account Policy, which outlines the school's responsibility in regards to the student funds raised to finance the activities of authorized student organizations. On a motion by Les Baynes, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the 1st reading of the Student Activity Account Policy.

#### C. Resignation

Dr. Weiss told the Committee that he received a letter of resignation by Special Education Teacher Laurel O'Brien, due to personal reasons; her last day will be November 20. On a motion by Les Baynes, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed to accept the resignation of Laurel O'Brien, with regrets. Dr. Weiss and Student Support Services Director Dan Seklecki will proceed to filling the position while advertising for a replacement.

**V. Principal's Report**

A. Enrollment

Mr. Stevens told the Committee that the enrollment to date stands at 328.

B. Vacancies

Mr. Stevens told the Committee that SPED Assistant Susan Gamble was approached to be the interim teacher, replacing Ms. O'Brien, until a replacement is hired to finish the one-year-only position.

C. Out of State Conference Request

Mr. Stevens reported that Teacher Cindy Smith had requested to attend an out of state conference in New Hampshire, December 10-12. On a motion by David Rossi, seconded by Les Baynes, the Committee agreed to accept the out-of-state conference request.

D. Facilities

Mr. Stevens reported that he has received a quote from housepainter David Morris, to upgrade the condition of the front of the building. It will cost between \$3500 and \$4500 to remove the mold now by hand-spraying and wiping down , as opposed to power-washing. The paint job, to be completed on that one side, will need to go out to RFP and cost approximately \$10,000. The budget current says \$5000 per year. On a motion by Les Baynes, seconded by David Rossi, the Committee agreed that the school should start the mold removal portion immediately. The Committee reminded the school that Mr. Morris will need to be CORI cleared before starting the job.

Mr. Baynes made an additional comment regarding the ComElectric fence which is knocked on occasion, and that ComElectric should take responsibility for the condition of the fence at all times.

The Committee was reminded that the next Town of Edgartown Finance Committee meeting is December 3.

The Committee agreed to have a budget workshop meeting on Monday, December 10, at 9:30 AM.

The next regular School Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 PM.

With no further business to discuss, the Committee agreed to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela L. Cassidy  
Secretary to the Committee