

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 8:30AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Priscilla Sylvia, Judi O'Donoghue, Lisa Reagan;
Others: Principal's Office – Laury Binney, Gina Patti;
Superintendent's Office – Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney, Laurie Halt
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures

The meeting was called to order at 8:33AM.

Minutes: December 16, 2008 (Agenda Item #1)

- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO REVISIT AND AMEND THE DECEMBER 11, 2008 MINUTES; JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – JUDI O'DONOGHUE due to absence.*
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 18, 2008 MINUTES AS AMENDED; JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – JUDI O'DONOGHUE due to absence.*
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 6, 2009 MINUTES; JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Financial Report (Agenda Item #3)

School Lunch Fund (See documents on file.)

Both revenue and participation were down although the two numbers did not correlate. The OBSC compared previous years and counts. In addition delinquent payments were very high; solutions and enforcement were discussed.

Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

The Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Oak Bluffs School (OBS) Budget was reviewed especially in terms of possible cuts in Mass. State revenues:

- computer supplies were frozen;
- conferences and workshop travel were discussed and frozen;
- there were some residuals due to staffing changes;
- food costs would be frozen.
- custodian extra services served for substitutes and possible extra summer help and were left in given the possible FY10 reductions.

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Cleaning supplies would be going green this year.

School Choice Fund (See documents on file.)

The OBSC discussed BTU bills and service compared with previous years.

- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$8,442.50 FROM THE SCHOOL CHOICE FUND TO PAY THE INVOICES AS SUBMITTED (see documents on file); JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* (See also below: Old/New Business.)
- IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT THE RUSSELL'S & SON EXCAVATION INVOICE BE PAID FROM RESIDUALS IN THE FY09 WASTEWATER LINE ITEM (see documents on file).

As noted above Mass. State FY09 reimbursement levels and the FY10 budget were likely to be reduced and would not be public until next week. The OBSC considered Town actions and different OBS and MV Regional High School (MVRHS) protocols. The School Advisory Council (SAC) would be consulted on any forced FY09 budget reductions.

- The State financial situation would also have ramifications for the MVRHS Statutory (Aggregate Wealth) assessment formula.
- At the end of the meeting it was noted that the OBSC might not be invited to the Finance Committee to discuss the FY10 Budget since this year most of the responsibility was being born by the Town Administrator and Finance Director.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #4)

Oak Bluffs was commended for its part in an Islandwide emergency training session with all the schools, police, fire, medical and emergency management personnel. The training served to strengthen relations between municipal agencies, and a follow up session was being planned.

- Packer oil graciously agreed to change the negotiated fixed fuel price to a floating bid from January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, a move that would save Island municipalities and tax payers substantial money.

Policy (Agenda Item #5)

The OBSC discussed and edited the Building Use Policy amendments at some length, adding a fee for lockers/showers, for events with large numbers of participants and setting an application timeline.

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• *LISA REAGAN MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL GORGEOUS PUBLIC USE POLICY AS AMENDED; JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• The changes would be publicized and previous users notified by letter. The OBSC discussed the timeline and the how the changes would effect the YMCA and its summer camp; the YMCA could use the building this February and April when custodians would be on duty.

The OBSC discussed the MV Public Schools (MVPS) Anti-Bias Policy implementation. School authority over sports teams depended on whether they were fully or partially school, or privately sponsored. The policy had been emphasized to students and staff. The anti-bullying student congress was being closely monitored.

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #6)

Maintenance & Facility Issues:

- The boiler was cleaned annually.
- A continuing search had not turned up any as-built drawings.
- Finding and cleaning the grease trap and holding tank was still in process.
- Leah Dorr and the 8th grade were calculating school electricity use for each room.

Enrollment was at 407 with **School Choice Numbers** at 51.

Five-Year Plan – Draft had been started.

- The Inauguration was being taught today in each classroom.
- This Friday was the start of Black History month and the students were putting together community assemblies on black history recognition. Racial/cultural awareness was linked to the anti-bias work being done emphasizing the learning aspect of student relations with their peers and fellows.
- The February 13th Talent Show was one of the most popular events of the year. The OBSC and Administration discussed audience etiquette (see 4/15/08 Minutes p. 3 #5) including parent and/or student supervision of the audience.

Personnel (Agenda Item #7)

Staff Update

- A Paraprofessional position had been re-filled partly out of the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) grant.
- A long term substitute was anticipated for an extended medical leave.

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School Advisory Council (SAC) (Agenda Item #8)

All the Island SAC's would meet at the MVRHS 4:00PM Thursday, February 5th. The agenda would focus on budget problems and fund raising drives for major elementary school field trips. The OBSC commended the SAC and Administration for their continuing follow through on the Anti-Bullying goal.

Old /New Business (Agenda Item #9)

- An estimate for painting/repairing the library balcony/deck had been received. *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$1,500 FROM THE SCHOOL CHOICE FUND TO PAY FOR THE PAINTING OF THE LIBRARY DECK); JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS*

- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO DECLARE SURPLUS:*
 - *A ROCKWELL SCROLL SAW WITH LEG STAND;*
 - *A ROCKWELL DELTA LATHE;*
 - *A DELTA RADIAL ARM SAW;*
 - *A MAKITA 300MM PLANER-JOINER;**JUDI O'DONOGHUE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

The items would be posted on first class and advertised.

- *JUDI O'DONOGHUE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$1,890 FROM THE SCHOOL CHOICE FUND TO PAY FOR CORBIN/HUFCOR SERVICE OF SCHOOL DOORS; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. (See 11/18/08 Minutes p.3.)*

Executive Session (Agenda Item #12)

PRISCILLA SYLVIA MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED FOR A TYPO; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM February 17, 2009 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

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Adjourn

LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:27AM: JUDI O'DONOGHUE
SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0
ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on file:

Agenda 1/20/09

School Committee Meeting 1/20/09 Cover Sheet

Fund Balances 2008-2009 1/8/09

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report (8 p.) 1/14/09

Revolving Lunch 2008-2009 1/14/09

Revolving Lunch 2007-2008 8/13/08

Tally slip

Alexander & Dyke Invoice 12/24/08

BTU Control Invoice 12/14/08

BTU Control Invoice 12/14/08

BTU Control Invoice 1/8/09

BTU Control Invoice 1/9/09

Perry Electric Invoice 12/28/08

Russell & Son Invoice 1/9/09

School Choice Expenses 2008-2009 (2 p.) 1/5/09

FY'09 BTU Expense By Room 1/13/07

YTD Sub Expenses 2008-2009 1/7/09

Original list of School Choice... *sheet* 1/20/09

Corliss R. Maciel Sewer and Drain Cleaning Invoices (15 p.) 8/4/08-1/15/09

Corliss R. Maciel Plumbing and Heating Invoices (11 p.) 7/31/08-1/12/09

Public Use Policy Draft (6 p.)

Approved as written 2/17/09.