

Tisbury School Committee Meeting
May 8, 2007

Members present: John Bacheller (Chairman) and Dr. Robert Tankard
Others present: Superintendent Dr. James Weiss, Principal Maureen DeLoach,
Asst. Principal Richie Smith, Financial Officer Amy Tierney, and
Secretary Donna Tankard

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting were read and approved as written.
2. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Dr. Weiss stated that he had placed an ad in the newspapers concerning School Choice as required by the State.
 - b. Dr. Weiss also reported on the upgrade of the 8th grade algebra program. A placement test will be given sometime the first of June. The top 20-25 scorers island-wide will be admitted to the program, which will be held at the high school for 1½ hours each day Monday through Thursday. An ad has been posted for a teacher.
3. Financial Report:
 - a. Ms. DeLoach passed out the 2007 Expenditure Report and explained lines and adjustments that were made. A total of \$91,212.36 remains but she is not sure of all the end of the year encumbrances that are needed for painting, landscaping, teacher requests, etc. Dr. Tankard asked her to create a list of things that were needed and prioritize it.
 - b. The Student Activity Report was passed out and reviewed. Ms. DeLoach stated that they had decided to roll over the remaining monies from the 7th grade ski trip into the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip line for the students to use next year.
 - c. Ms. DeLoach passed out copies of The State Compliance Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2006 for the committee's review. She noted that there was only one recommendation made. This recommendation was that the School Department develop a policy and procedure regarding the classification of salaries and expenditures by program, function and object and have it approved by the School Committee. Once established, the policy and procedure should be reviewed periodically to assure it is up to date.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a. Ms. DeLoach reported that Title I monies have come in and the Tisbury School will have enough money to pay for one teacher next year.
 - b. Ms. DeLoach reported on the Non-Fiction Writing Program in the context of all the subjects. She showed a computer presentation showing the displays in each classroom.
 - c. Ms. DeLoach shared with the committee a letter from William Delahunt concerning the REAP Grant in which he said he had spoken with someone at the Department of Education and would get back with us when he knew more.
 - d. Tisbury School is a member of SELMS (Southeastern Massachusetts Library System). Ms. DeLoach shared that because we have a certified Media Specialist we are entitled to over \$5,000 in free services to our school.
 - e. Tisbury School Graduation will be held on Friday, June 15th at 5:00 p.m.
 - f. The March to the Sea will be held on Friday, May 25th beginning at 12:30 p.m. Students will be dismissed from Owen Park at 1:15 p.m.

5. Sub-Committee Report:

- a. Transportation Committee: Dr. Tankard reported that the buses and bus trips are all doing fine. Mr. Bacheller spoke about the use of station wagons and vans with bus signs on top that he has seen off-island. A discussion took place about this subject once again and Dr. Tankard said that he would speak to Jim Flynn about the matter and have him look into it.
 - b. Cape Cod Collaborative: Ms. DeLoach stated that she has received fliers showing coursework and workshops for the year and that she had placed them in teachers' mailboxes. Dr. Tankard reported that the Collaborative might be expanding their services up to the Boston and New Bedford areas.
 - c. Negotiations: Dr. Tankard reported that the negotiations are going well and that the teachers and assistants are done. The food service workers will begin on May 14th and the custodians on May 17th.
6. New/Old Business:
- a. Officers need to be chosen and reorganization for the next school year. Nominations were made and a unanimous votes taken to choose Dr. Robert Tankard as Chairman with John Bacheller and Maura Valley the High School representatives.
 - b. Ms. DeLoach reported that the Tisbury School Jr. High Band went to the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Festival and they were commended for their great behavior and performance. She remarked that Director Julie Schilling has done a tremendous job with these students.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Tankard