

Tisbury School Committee Meeting

April 9, 2007

Members present: Dr. Robert Tankard, and Maura Valley

Others present: Superintendent Dr. James Weiss, Principal Maureen DeLoach,
Teacher Alison Smith, Finance Committee member Donald Amaral
and Secretary Donna Tankard

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

1. The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were read and approved as written.
2. Financial Report:
 - a. Ms. DeLoach passed out the 2007 Expenditure Report and the Student Activity Report for review. She explained that there was a total of 8% remaining in the budget until the end of the school year. The total amount remaining does not include encumbered money.
 - b. Committee members signed warrants that were passed out.
 - c. More discussions took place about placing all cafeteria personnel salaries into the general budget and also about the possibility of raising the price of school lunch. Ms. DeLoach will take this to the School Advisory Council for further discussion and a recommendation.
3. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Dr. Weiss reminded everyone that the Tisbury Town Meeting would be held tomorrow evening in the Tisbury School gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. He explained that one island town might not pass the high school budget, which may mean there will be a special town meeting later on. Dr. Weiss explained the process of the assessment for each town for the High School and how all towns need to accept it together; they must be in agreement together for it to pass.
 - b. Professional Enhancement Fund – Dr. Weiss stated that he has been talking with the town treasurer and they will be keeping track of the fund and what happens to it at the end of the year. He shared his proposal of keeping the money in there for a two-year period and if anything were left after that period of time it would then be returned to the town. His main concern is that all people who want to take courses can and will be reimbursed for them.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a. Ms. DeLoach stated the MCAS testing went very well and she was very proud of everyone's teamwork.
 - b. Ms. DeLoach passed out the Tisbury School Annual Report Card for the committee's review. She reported that she included test results and other interesting and important information this year. These were sent home to all parents and to the Tisbury Selectmen.
5. Sub-Committee Report:
 - a. Cape Cod Collaborative: Ms. DeLoach stated that she has three students from Tisbury that will be attending this summer program at Mass. Maritime Academy this summer. There are ten slots available for island students and nine of those slots are already filled.
6. Personnel:
 - a. Dr. Weiss presented a letter from Kathy VanAken requesting a second year of absence. The committee made a motion and a unanimous voted was taken to accept her request.

- b. Erin Simmons has resigned and Veronika VandeGeer has been recommended as her replacement as the 4th grade teacher.
7. New/Old Business:
- a. Dr. Tankard commended both Donald Amaral and Fred Condin for their help working on the Tisbury School and High School budgets. Mr. Amaral thanked the committee for all their input, assistance, and cooperation over the years working with the Finance Committee. He stated that he would not be running for re-election this year and that this would be his last meeting. Ms. DeLoach stated that Mr. Amaral had always been up front and honest and thanked him for the good relationship they had developed over the years.
 - b. Dr. Tankard commended Mrs. Alison Smith for the good work they have been doing and asked her to pass the support on to other teachers.
 - c. Dr. Tankard also commended Dr. Weiss for all his help over the past 18 months and stated that it was a privilege to work with him.
 - d. Ms. DeLoach presented a memo to the committee from Jim Norton commending the town for getting the easement for the Manter Land. Further discussions will be needed about some of the issues in the memo.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Tankard