

Tisbury School Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
4:30pm

Members Present: School Committee Members: Maura Valley and Robert Tankard.
Absent: Rebecca Cass

Others Present: Superintendent: Dr. James Weiss, Asst. Superintendent: Laurie Halt, School Business Administrator: Amy Tierney, Principal: Richie Smith, Asst. Principal: John Custer, FinCom Representative: Jynelle Kristal and School Committee Secretary: Barbara Armstrong. Guests: Mike Ovios, Kara Zajicek, Moiria Celia.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

1. The minutes from the October 14, 2008 Meeting were read and approved as written.

2. Superintendent's Report

Energy Update

Dr. Weiss distributed, "Schools and Wind Turbines on Martha's Vineyard: A Vision Statement". He explained that there is currently a law allowing net metering. Wind turbines located in one town on the island could send their power to various schools, free of charge. Dr. Weiss expressed his desire to get the net metering started. Dr. Tankard was pleased with the overall document

3. Financial Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the expenditure report.

A motion was moved and carried to approve the following transfers to cover deficits in the following budget lines in the General Fund:

\$5600 from contractual painting to administrative assignments

\$1100 from contractual painting to secretary longevity

\$1072 from contractual painting to coaching/athletic salaries

\$9925.50 from playground equipment to teacher salary increments

\$6780.02 from facility upgrade to teacher salary increments

Mr. Smith reported that poison ivy was removed from fencing on the east playground. He would like to replace the chain line fence with split rail. Vineyard Charm will do the work for \$2200.

Last Friday night, vandals broke 4 windows. The cost to have the windows repaired is \$1358. Although the town's insurance may end up paying for the damage, Mr. Smith would like to have the funds available.

Mr. Smith also reported that he is looking into quotes for lights and security cameras. He will discuss his findings at the next meeting.

A motion was moved and carried to use \$5080.50 from School Choice funds to pay the following invoices:

Allen Fortes Plumbing	\$1522.50
Vineyard Charm	\$2200
Falmouth Glass	\$1358

Mr. Smith reported that Lisa Bilcastro will coordinate the Shenandoah trip again this year. Mr. Smith would like to have two school chaperones on the boat. A deposit of \$750 is needed. **A motion was moved and carried to pay \$750 from the Manter Fund.**

Mr. Smith requested \$927 from the Manter fund be used to subsidize the cost of the 7th and 8th grade field trip to the Nutcracker Ballet. **A motion was moved and carried to use \$927 from the Manter Fund.**

4. Principal's Report

Mr. Smith reported on current school events

Tisbury School made it to the volley ball championship, but lost three to two.

Class of 1958 toured the school last Saturday and planted a bush.

Pizza night was a great success.

Honor Roll breakfast included 84 children

Lockdown drill ("Safe Spot drill") will be this Friday. The drill will not last more than 5 minutes. No police presence here. Kids will hear a presentation on Thursday and Friday morning.

Tryouts for the musical Annie are coming up, as well as a faculty volley ball game, Red Stocking Bazaar, and the Boston Ballet

Art Exhibit

Mr. Smith introduced Art and Industrial Arts Teacher, Mike Ovios.

Mr. Ovios reported on the current art exhibit at Tisbury School of American artist, Frederic Remington. The exhibit is part of a traveling exhibit that we have rented for a week.

Various staff members have incorporated the exhibit into their classes.

Mr. Smith acknowledged Mr. Ovios' enthusiasm and initiative for his contributions.

School Improvement Plan

Mr. Smith distributed the School Improvement Plan and reviewed the school's objectives and implementation plans.

Budget

Mr. Smith plans to present 0% operational budget to the FinCom. This 0% does not include contractual obligations. Finance Committee advised Mr. Smith that not including the contractual obligations in his budget was acceptable to them. Mr. Smith stated that he will have to find funds for the ELL, fuel lines, staff development for paraprofessionals.

5. New/Old Business

Maura Valley presented a Memorandum of Understanding from the Health Department for using the school as an emergency site. The school would be used if an event took place in Tisbury. **Motion was moved and carried to sign the memorandum of understanding.** Dr. Tankard signed the document.

6. Visitors and Public Comment

Mr. Smith introduced Moria Celia and Kara Zajicek. Ms. Zajicek stated that they were representing the K-4 staff and will report back at a K-4 Meeting about the meeting.

7. Other

Dr. Weiss stated that the School Committee needed to discuss a pending litigation matter. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Sect. 23B, subsection 3, Mrs. Valley asked for a roll call vote to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and go into executive session. The roll call vote was taken and all members present voted "yes". The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.

All public members were asked to leave the meeting.

