

Tisbury School Committee Meeting
Tisbury School Conference Room
January 8, 2008

Members present: Dr. Robert Tankard (Chairman), John Bacheller and Maura Valley
Others present: Superintendent Dr. James Weiss, Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt,
Principal Richie Smith, Teacher Barbara Lopes and Secretary Donna Tankard

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. The minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting were read and approved as written.
2. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Mrs. Halt shared about the interviews that she attended in Boston for the new Massachusetts Commissioner of Education.
3. Financial Report:
 - a. Mr. Smith passed out the Expenditure Report FY 2008. The small deficits and adjustments were explained.
 - b. Mr. Smith presented to the committee his proposal for two stipends:
 1. Barbara Armstrong – A one-time stipend in the amount of \$500 for her training in Educational Personnel Information Management System (EPIMS). Mr. Smith applauded her for her initiative in getting the training and helping other schools.
 2. Sue Leonard – A one-time stipend in the amount of \$2000 for creating the Tisbury School website in Portuguese, all the parent-teacher conferencing, and managing the cafeteria accounts.
 - c. Mr. Smith presented a proposal for hiring Joan Creato from a .5 to a .7 guidance counselor for the remainder of the 2008 school year. This would begin on February 14, 2008 and be an increase of \$5,189.
 - d. A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous vote taken to approve the proposals made by Mr. Smith for the two stipends and the time and salary increase.
 - e. Mr. Bacheller questioned Mrs. Halt about the autism program and the five students that are presently being serviced. She explained the need for the program and that there has been no policy set for a minimum number of students to be participating in this program. Dr. Tankard asked her to ask Mr. Dan Seklecki about getting some language about the process and the needs of the program, about how we are going to assess the program and where the program caps the number of students.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a. Mr. Smith passed out the FY '09 Budget Analysis for the committee's review. He explained that the Facilities Manager salary of \$17,673.63 has been removed from the Shared Programs and the use of the School Choice monies has been reduced by \$15,000, which then made the total general funds increase over FY '08 4.93%.
 - b. A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous vote taken to approve the new FY '09 Budget Analysis dated 01/08/08 with the above changes.
5. Sub-Committee Reports:
 - a. Dr. Tankard shared with the committee that the Cape Cod Collaborative Committee will be holding in-service workshops at Cape Cod Community College on January 18, 2008 and 43 island teachers will be attending.
 - b. Dr. Tankard also shared that Cape Cod Collaborative has received approval from the state to be an Executive Administrative Search Committee.

6. Personnel:
 - a. Mr. Smith shared with the committee a request for a part-time custodian for the remainder of this year only. The position would be for 3 hours in the evening at a wage of between \$14-\$20 per hour. The most that would be expended would be \$5,400. A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous vote taken to grant Mr. Smith's request of a part-time custodian for the remainder of this school year.
7. Policy:
 - a. School Choice Policy: A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous vote taken to accept the 3rd reading of the Island-Wide School Choice Policy.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Mr. Smith reported that he had talked with the town accountant and she told him that according to the December 11, 2007 minutes we cannot create a new line in the Student Activity Account named Sports Expense line, but that we need to create a Revolving Sports Expense Fund and transfer the \$714.08 from the Student Activity Account to the new fund. A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous vote taken to create a Revolving Sports Expense Fund and transfer \$714.08 into that fund.
9. New Business:
 - a. Mr. Bacheller questioned Dr. Weiss about #3 in the Rules for Grant Applicants concerning workmen's comp, unemployment, retirement, etc. Dr. Weiss explained that all expenses run through the High School because it acts as the fiscal agent for all the other schools, but although the money for the grant goes to the high school, that grant money can only be used by the school writing the grant.
 - b. A lengthy discussion took place about the air quality in the school and the possibility of having air purifiers put in. It was decided that we should check with more than one company and see what route we should take in this. Mrs. Valley said that she thought this would work into the wellness plan for the school and she check with the state about products and requirements.
10. A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous vote taken to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.
11. The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Tankard