

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 8:30 AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Priscilla Sylvia, Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan;
Others: Principal's Office – Laury Binney, Jennifer Arnold;
Superintendent's Office – Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Staff: Lynn Van Auken
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals
or early departures

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM.

Minutes of 5/18/10 (Agenda Item #1)

The minutes were in summer backlog.

Public Comment – Lynn Van Auken (Agenda Item #2)

Plea for Library funds:

- average Oak Bluffs School (OBS) library non-fiction books was 17 years old compared with the recommended standard of 2 years.
- the Library was used regularly by 400+ students and 100 teachers.
- in the course of a week the library housed 20 classes and over 100 walk-ins.

Lynn Van Auken understood the long-term budget constraints and so was looking for parent participation and fund raising for books; however she strongly requested that the OBSC retain the library assistant position.

Financial Report (Agenda Item #3)

School Lunch Fund (See documents on file.)

The Fund might be in black for the year! Town posting was slow.

Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

- The OBSC asked that any supply residuals be spent on Library books.
- Hiring advertising cut costs by Islandwide collaboration.
- Advisors (Miscellaneous Salaries) were coming in on budget.
- The Physical Therapy line was being brought in-house.
- Custodial supplies were being taken out of School Choice funds.
- Legal expenses were likely to be in deficit.

School Choice

Computer Analysis (See documents on file.)

Technology staff was still meeting about going wireless or connecting all desks.

The mobile units were well used but expensive.

KG Grant Assistant (See documents on file.)

• *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL ONE QUARTER (1/4) SHARE OF THE KINDERGARTEN GRANT PARAPROFESSIONAL; MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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• *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$1,283 FROM THE SCHOOL CHOICE FUND TO PAY THE TWO INVOICES AS SUBMITTED (see documents on file); MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #4)
Letter from Commissioner

The letter expressed understanding but noted that Federal law dictated the situation. In addition OBS received notification of the Technology Plan approval continuing OBS eligibility for the e-rate and technology grants.

Legislative Bulletin

Chapter 70 was likely to be cut; Circuit Breaker was projected at 40% and Transportation (at no impact to OBSD) would also be reduced.

Policy (Agenda Item #5)
Title One

• *LISA REAGAN MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS;*
- *TITLE ONE COMPARABILITY PROCEDURE,*
- *TITLE ONE SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT POLICY AND PROCEDURE,*
- *TITLE ONE EVALUATION PROCEDURE;*
MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #6)
Maintenance & Facility Issues:

Vineyard Generator – The new generator was back in business with a holding tank of 150 gallons of fresh diesel fuel.

Fence – The Highway Department had cement posts available so the OBS need only purchase a chain.

Barrels– BTU Control was arguing against the empty anti-freeze barrel removal.

Desks– could be taken away when the Highway Dept. delivered the posts. The extra cafeteria tables would be sold to the YMCA of Martha's Vineyard for \$100 each – The OBSC suggested that the Administration barter with them for student scholarships,

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• *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO DECLRE THE EXCESS CAFETERIA TABLES AS SURPLUS; MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Car Wash – This fundraiser had spiked the MVRHS water bills so previous principals had banned them at the MVRHS. However the same could be applied to OBS and so the MVRHS request to hold the event here had been denied (see 3/16/10 Minutes p.3 #6).

Blower– The discussion was repeated over this custodian request and a reluctance to increase fuel/carbon footprint of the school. Again it was left to the Principal's discretion.

Enrollment 413/ School Choice 61 (KG-43, Grade 1 – 36)

Principal Binney noted the difficulty of having to tell previous OBS students who had moved out of town that they could not continue at the school due to lack of school choice slots (see 4/29/10 Minutes p. 5).

• Of the 43 kindergarten applicants 3 were school choice. First grade was likely to need 3 sections.

Graduation

One student would not be getting a diploma. Three would not be attending the ceremony although they were eligible. SpEd student progress was commended.

- Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt also commended the OBS on the team approach of the staff, administration and educational community that produced phenomenal MCAS results.

Personnel

(Agenda Item #7)

Hiring Grade 3 – Interviews were proceeding from an excellent pool of candidates.

Administrative Secretary

The OBSC suggested that a Town Hall representative be on the interview committee.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

(Agenda Item #8)

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

The SAC had chosen to focus the SIP on three goals including the new State aligned anti-bullying program and one new goal on 21st Century skills.

Old /New Business

(Agenda Item #9)

Wellness

The OBSC discussed the practice of parent supplied celebratory birthday food, usually cupcakes and other sweets. There was a wish to balance jurisdiction/ restrictiveness with guidance/education. It was agreed that the Administration would send a letter with healthy suggestions to all parents and teachers in the new school year packet.

- The OBSC asked that all bottled water dispensers be eliminated.

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Residential Placement Reimbursement - Amy Tierney was working on it.

Correspondence – Howie Sashin (Agenda Item #10)

- The OBS had been chosen to participate in the 2011 National Education Progress tests. This was an honor but required participation. The OBSC expressed some concern over inordinate time spent in testing.
- A parent complaint on the poor state of the OBS playing fields generated a discussion covering: comparison with other schools and lack of money to spend on grounds. The idea of a volunteer weekend with cook out was promising.

Next Meeting

The next OBSC meeting should be in July.

Adjourn

- *MELANIE MARCHAND MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:57AM; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on file:

Agenda 6/15/10

School Committee Meeting 6/15/10 Cover Sheet

Fund Balances 2009-2010 6/8/10

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report (8 p.) 6/10/10

Revolving Lunch 2009-2010 6/9/10

Revolving Lunch 2008-2009 9/11/09

Tally Slip

BTU Control invoice 6/5/10

Crossland Landscape Inc. invoice 5/24/10

School Choice Expenses 2009-2010 (2 p.) 6/10/10

YTD Sub Expenses 2009-2010 6/10/10

Approved as corrected for typos, grammar, etc August 26, 2010.