

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

of

April 13, 1999

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Members Present: Lois Borgesi (Chair), Frank Wills, Adrienne Duncan, William Rogers (arrived at 5:15 P.M.)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Susan Fleming (Superintendent), Michael Marino (PHS Principal), William Rokicki (VMES Principal/Director of Student Services), parents and staff.

Chair Lois Borgesi called the meeting to order at 5:12 P.M.

Adrienne Duncan moved at 5:12 P.M. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining issues, Frank Wills seconded, and it was so voted by a unanimous roll call vote.

REGULAR SESSION

The School Committee emerged from Executive Session and Chair Lois Borgesi convened the Regular Session at 5:36 P.M.. All four members of the School Committee were present.

APPEAL HEARING ON STUDENTS RECORD UNDER MGL CHAPTER 71

Lois Borgesi read a statement on the focus of the hearing on the appeal from Emily Anderson, Barbara Anderson, and Philip Fox concerning the charging of a fee for reproduction of student records. Lois Borgesi read from the appropriate sections of CMR 603. Lois Borgesi detailed the procedures to be followed during the hearing. Dr. Fleming presented the Administration's case, referring to and reviewing substantial documentation with accompanying chronology. Mr. Fox presented his case, claiming that the appellants' rights to access student records have been violated, referring to CMR 603 and also federal statute. Mr. Fox reviewed a chronology of events concerning the appeal. Mr. Fox was then given the opportunity to ask Dr. Fleming and Mr. Marino questions, but the School Committee realized the time allotted on the agenda for the hearing was running out.

Adrienne Duncan moved to postpone the remainder of the hearing, Frank Wills seconded. The School Committee discussed various dates for continuing the hearing. Dr. Fleming asked Mr. Fox for the date when the oral request was made to inspect and review records. Mr. Fox declined to answer, saying that the question was not in the stated sequence for the hearing. Mr. Fox stated that he did not agree to a postponement. Lois Borgesi said that she had explained in a letter to Mr. Fox that the School Committee could not meet at a time concurrent with Town Meeting and that the meeting agenda had only allowed a half hour for the hearing. She said it was obvious that the School Committee

needed more time to reach an impartial and informed decision. William Rogers asked Mr. Fox if his complaint stemmed from the previous year, prior to Mr. Marino's appointment, and Mr. Fox replied that it did not. William Rogers stated that he felt that Dr. Fleming should be present for the remainder of the hearing. Mr. Fox said he would be available whenever the School Committee could meet. Dr. Fleming suggested that they get a legal opinion as to whether simply opening and beginning the hearing within the four-week limit would satisfy the time limitations of CMR 603.

Adrienne Duncan amended her motion to continue the hearing until a tentative date of Friday, April 16th, 1999 at 4:30 P.M., Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted 4-0.

Frank Wills moved to go into Executive Session at 6:27 P.M. for the purpose of continuing the discussion on collective bargaining, motion was seconded, and it was so voted unanimously by a roll call vote.

REGULAR SESSION (continued)

The School Committee emerged from Executive Session and Chair Lois Borgesi reconvened the Regular Session at 6:36 P.M.. All four members of the School Committee were present.

VISITORS STATEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Adrienne Duncan moved to postpone consideration of the minutes due to time constraints, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Fleming presented the following:

- VMES Newsletter;
- A letter of appreciation from Ice Hockey Coach;
- A letter from LCCDC asking the District to be a partner in a grant concerning Campus Provincetown. After discussion, *Frank Wills made a motion to support Campus Provincetown as a partner in the grant, Adrienne Duncan seconded and it was so voted, 4-0;*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adrienne Duncan moved to take the PSC policy agenda item out of sequence, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

PSC Policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar correction -

Adrienne Duncan moved to accept the corrected policy, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

1999-2000 School Calendar Revision -

Adrienne Duncan moved to accept the revised calendar, William Rogers seconded, and it was so voted, 4-0.

Other - Dr. Fleming distributed a Standard Contract Form from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning the grant received for new lighting. The School Committee discussed the likelihood of the proposed renovation project becoming a reality. *Adrienne Duncan moved that they go forward with the Contract, William Rogers seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.*

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Town Manager for public use of PHS Restrooms and Comfort Station - Dr. Fleming commented that the arrangement worked well last year and that it improved the image of the schools. The agreement will contain the same conditions as last year. *Adrienne Duncan moved that the public be again allowed to use the Restrooms and Comfort Station Frank Wills seconded, and it was so voted, 4-0.*

Demographic Study - Dr. Fleming distributed copies of the study for the School Committee's review.

School Committee Summer Meeting Schedule - May meetings are 11th and 25th, June meetings are 8th and 22nd, plus one meeting in July and one in August - tentatively the 13th of July and the 10th of August, plus one possibly at the end of August, perhaps the 31st.

Planning on Work Session for May FY 2000 District Goal Settings - Dr. Fleming requested a work session with the School Councils in May of at least two hours for brainstorming and planning on the District Improvement Plan. Dr. Fleming recommended a 5 to 7 P.M. working session on May 11th, prior to the regular School Committee meeting. Mr. Rokicki and Peggy Sheehan will check with their respective councils to see if the date and time are agreeable.

Dr. Fleming said that the Principals will be sending out schematics on each building for the School Committee to review.

Other- None

CLOSING STATEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adrienne Duncan made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.