

**Town of Provincetown
School Committee Meeting
Veterans Memorial Elementary School Library**

**Minutes
of January 18, 2006**

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chairperson), Peter Grosso, (Vice Chair), Debra Trovato, Molly Perdue, Burton Wolfman, (Secretary). Student Representatives: Jasmine Hadley, Helen Helmley

Also in attendance: Janice K. Lachowetz, Superintendent of Schools, Anthony Teso, VMES Principal/DSS, Edward Boxer, PHS Principal, Jessica Waugh, Curriculum Coordinator, Betty White, Adm. Assistant for Business and Finance
Sandra Bostwick, Aylin Tunali, Bronwyn Mailcoat, Trudy Wood, Kelly Blake, Linda DiBenedetto, Alma Welsh, Thige Kaeselau, Shannon Patrick Ann Lord

Chair Terese Nelson called to the public hearing to order at 4:06 P.M.

The Chair asked for public comments on the proposed FY-07 School Budget. There were no requests.

Adjournment:

Burt Wolfman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Peter Grosso. It was so voted.

The Chair opened the regular session of the Committee at 4:20 P.M.

Minutes:

Peter Grosso made a motion to approve the January 3, 2006 Minutes. Seconded by Molly Perdue. So voted unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

FY-07 School Budget

The Chair thanked members of the audience for their interest and support. Superintendent Lachowetz explained the budget process and its significance in addressing the needs of the school district in order to achieve its objectives. The proposed FY-07 Budget was not merely a “wish list” of desired expenditures but a realistic assessment of the fiscal needs for the district’s educational programs.

Members of the School Committee and attendees then discussed strategies for developing support and awareness of the school’s fiscal needs for Town Meeting as well as the public at large. The discussion included development of fiscal data regarding school expenditures, the relative burden on the taxpayer to support public education, the advocacy role of the school councils, organizing the support of nonresident students who attend Provincetown schools, to inform the community of the importance of the schools via letters to the newspaper.

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Several members of the audience including teachers and parents thanked the Committee for its determination and leadership in supporting the Provincetown Schools.

BurtonWolfman made a motion to approve the Proposed FY-07 School Budget. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted unanimously 5-0

Burton Wolfman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:40 P.M. for the purpose of discussion non union contracts. Seconded by Peter Grosso and was voted on a roll call vote of the School Committee Members present: Terese Nelson – yes, Burton Wolfman – yes, Peter Grosso – yes, Debra Trovato – yes, Molly Perdue – yes.

Chair Terese Nelson reconvened the Regular Session at 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment:

Burton Wolfman moved to adjourn at 6: 31 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

Burton Wolfman

Date

These Minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown School Committee at their meeting held on _____, 2006

Committee adjourned at 6:30PM

Respectively Submitted

School Committee Signature

Date

School Committee signature

Title