

Town of Provincetown  
School Committee  
Veterans Memorial Elementary  
Minutes of April 11, 2006

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

**Also in attendance:** Janice Lachowetz, Superintendent of Schools, Tony Teso, VMES Principal/DSS, Edward Boxer, PHS Principal, Jessica Waugh, Curriculum Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order 4:05 P.M. following roll call of members.

**Public Comments**

The Chair thanked Jessica Waugh for her initiative and work to produce the fact sheet about the school for Town Meeting.

The Committee acknowledged that this was the last meeting for Committee Member, Molly Perdue. To honor and give recognition of Ms. Perdue's service, the Committee presented her with a Provincetown High School athletic jacket.

**Minutes**

The following minutes were approved:

- March 1, 2006 Moved by Debra Trovato. Seconded by Molly Perdue. So voted 5-0
- March 7, 2006 Moved by Debra Trovato. Seconded by Molly Perdue. So voted 5-0
- March 13, 2006 Moved by Molly Perdue. Seconded by Debra Trovato. So voted 5-0
- March 14, 2006 Moved by Debra Trovato. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0
- March 17, 2006 Moved by Debra Trovato. Seconded by Molly Perdue. So voted 5-0
- March 21, 2006 Moved by Debra Trovato. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0
- March 23, 2006 Moved by Molly Perdue. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0
- March 30, 2006 Moved by Molly Perdue, Seconded by Terese Nelson So voted 4-0  
Peter Grosso abstained; he did not attend this meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Student Nutrition & Physical Activity Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Dr. Joely Edwards explained for the committee's second reading, the Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy.

Dr. Edwards noted that the policy statement has been kept deliberately simple for easy reading and remembering. She noted the need for such a policy is because of the growing concerns caused by obesity occurring at an earlier age. The policy stresses increased physical activity and the significant reduction of sugar intake from sodas and candy. Molly Perdue made a motion to approve the School Committee Policy. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0.

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**2006-07 School Year Calendar**

Peter Grosso made a motion to postponed the approval of the 2006-07 School Year Calendar to a later meeting. Seconded by Debra Trovato. So voted 5-0

**Educational Update**

**Strategic Planning – Janice Williams**

The Committee discussed with Janice Williams the mechanics of the scheduled Futures Workshop. The Committee also explored with her how to prepare for several of the issues and concerns that are likely to be raised as a result of the Workshop. Specifically, the need to explore data, and legal and programmatic issues.

**New Business**

VMES Parent Pick-Up/Drop Off procedure

Sgt. Warren Tobias of Provincetown Police Department and Mr. Teso presented the staffing issues relating to the Parent Pick-Up/Drop Off Procedures. The issue was referred back to Mr. Teso to present a specific proposal.

Activity Bus Operating Guidelines and PHS Student Handbook

The Committee reviewed the guidelines proposed for operating the activity bus. The Committee made several suggested changes and recommended that the guidelines be incorporated into the Student Handbook. The Committee also tabled the approving the PHS Student Handbook until the next meeting to incorporate the suggested changes and the proposed calendar which was also tabled to the next meeting.

Overnight Student Trip

Mr. Boxer made a presentation to the committee regarding an overnight trip to Boston for two students and faculty advisor for May 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Molly Perdue. So voted 5-0.

**Executive Session**

Terese Nelson, Chair announced the purpose of Executive Session is to discuss Union and Non-Union Contract issues. On a roll call vote it was unanimous to go into Executive Session. Terese Nelson (Chair) stated the meeting will reconvene in open session

The Committee reconvened in open session at 6.00P.M.with all members present.

Debra Trovato made a motion that “The position of Curriculum Coordinator be reclassified to Assistant to the Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and Daily Operations with the specific requirements and duties as outlined in the job description.” Seconded by Molly Perdue. So voted 5-0.

The vacancy will be posted for the required contractual period of time stated.

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Burt Wolfman stated that the present Interim Superintendent’s contract (Mrs. Janice Lachowetz) will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Mr. Wolfman made a motion Mrs. Lachowetz be retained on a per diem basis to provide oversight and mentoring to the Assistant to the Superintendent for a period of time to be mutually negotiated. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7.05 P.M.

Respectively Submitted

School Committee Signature

Date

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These Minutes were approved at a meeting held on\_\_\_\_\_.

