

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006 6 PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LIBRARY/MEDIA ROOM #73
2 MAYFLOWER LANE, PROVINCETOWN, MA.

Chairman Cheryl Andrews convened this Selectmen's meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees: Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Michele Couture, Richard Olson, David Nicolau

Excused Absence: Sarah Peake

Other Attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman

School Committee Attendees: Terese Nelson, Peter Grosso, Burt Wolfman, Shannon Patrick, Debra Trovato

Student Representatives: none

Other Attendees: Curriculum Coordinator Jessica Waugh, PHS Principal Ed Boxer, VMES Principal Anthony Teso.

Absent: Superintendent Janice Lachowetz

Finance Committee: Chairman Gary Delius, Thomas Coen, Ruth Gilbert, Tom Thurston, Walt Winnowski

Other Attendees: Consultant Ms Janice Williams

Recorder: Cheryl Andrews

The following are meeting minutes in brief.

1. JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed Consulting contract with Janice Williams.

Janice Williams provided attendees with copies of the report (also previously distributed) on the 2 day conference she facilitated in early May and gave an overview of it. Discussion ensued. At about 7 pm discussion turned to the scope of the proposal and whether the school committee was ready to sign a contract with Ms Williams for the full scope or part of the scope. Deb Trovato stated she was not, and was interested in maybe putting the project out to bid. Keith Bergman was asked whether this was required by law, and stated that by statute, it was the decision of the School Superintendent whether or not a contract needs to go out to bid, but if it was up to him, his decision would be that it would not, since the project had already begun with this one proposer.

Cheryl Andrews stated that she was unhappy with the conversation at the last meeting in that, she feels this is the most important issue facing the town, maybe in a generation, and we should not be short changing the project to save a few thousand dollars. We should fully fund the project as proposed.

Ruth Gilbert felt we should phase the project, and perhaps reduce the cost. Feels that the per diem is too high, based on her research.

The Consultant responded that her per diem costs are very much in line, and have not been raised in 10 years.

Shannon Patrick stated she was unhappy with all the emails going around and was unsure as to who Jan Williams was working for. She suggested that the chair of each board be in charge, and that Jan work with the School Committee.

Michele Couture echoed sentiments of Cheryl. David Nicolau suggested that we fully fund the project and suggested a 50-50 split of the funding, so half of the cost to be borne by the school budget and half by the municipal side of the budget.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree to fund 50 percent of the cost of this school study as proposed by Jan Williams from the town side of the budget and to direct the Town Manager to make that happen.

Motion by: David Nicolau

Seconded by: Richard Olson

Yea 4 Nay 0

Motion by Michele Couture to adjourn Board of Selectmen's meeting at 8 PM.

Minutes of meeting transcribed by: Vernon Porter
June 7, 2006