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ORLEANS SCHOOL COMMITTEE 10 FEB 24 AM 10:42

Meeting of Monday, September 21, 2009

Held at the Orleans Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pam Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Gwynne Guzzeau, Pam Jordan, Fred Walters (Absent: Mary Lyttle, Josh Stewart)

Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Diane Carreiro, Hans Baumhauer

CITIZENS SPEAK - None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

- Administrators' Reports

Diane Carreiro reported on the start of the school year; recognized Kate Berg and Lori Youngman for their commitment to get their classrooms setup within a short time; the Music Works program sponsored by the Cape Cod Symphony; enrollment is at 188, down from last year (199); there are new report cards for grades 3-5 which will be processed electronically; students will view President Obama's speech together; MCAS is looking good; October 1 is the Fall Sizzler and Dr. Hoffmann will be visiting OES that day. She explained that since adding the 3rd kindergarten teacher, there is a need to find \$11,654 after reviewing the budget and eliminating some things that were budgeted. Dr. Hoffmann explained that you cannot use kindergarten grant funds because the Ma. Dept. of Education said 18 is not a large enough class size. Mrs. Carreiro said that scheduling is difficult without two educational assistants. One of the items not being done is the security of the front door. There was discussion of where there might be possible funds. They are reviewing out-of-district placements. *It was moved by Gwynne Guzzeau, seconded by Fred Walters and voted unanimously to approve the fund raisers presented by Principal Carreiro.*

Dr. Hoffmann explained his decision not to have students and teachers watch President Obama's speech on the opening day of school with children just beginning school; by showing it later, the teachers and the students were better prepared to get the most out of the President's message. He held a meeting on opening day for staff at the Middle School where he spoke of having passion in your work, to do the very best you can. He was pleased to say that OES is 2nd in the state in grade 3 ELA MCAS tests, and Eastham Elementary is 1st. He's looking forward to his visit at OES on October 1, shadowing Principal Carreiro, having lunch with the kids and then holding "office hours" for staff to visit with him.

- FY 10 Budget Update

Mr. Baumhauer reviewed the financial report noting that payroll hasn't been encumbered yet. There were questions and clarification of accounts.

- FY 11 Budget Planning

Dr. Hoffmann spoke with John Kelly regarding FY 11 and the process will begin sooner than later. He suggested there will be a meeting with Selectmen which could be an executive session since it involves collective bargaining issues. Gwynne Guzzeau asked

that they get a clear understanding of what the issues are before going into the meeting. Chair Jordan acknowledged the support the Town has always given the schools. Selectwoman Fulcher was recognized and she said the departments need to work together. Dr. Hoffmann said he can provide information on the contracts as an informal piece prior to this meeting.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- Cape Cod Collaborative
Mr. Walters spoke of the tour and urged attendance.
- Policy Subcommittee
Gwynne Guzzeau reported that they are focusing on policies on transportation, reviewing the current policies. Two representatives who are on this subcommittee are also on the Transportation Subcommittee.
- Transportation Subcommittee
Fred Walters reported that this is the last year of a five-year contract. When people complain that we have buses on the road with minimal students riding, that is in part because we have to transport all students if there was an emergency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *It was moved by Fred Walters, seconded by Gwynne Guzzeau, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 17, 2009 with the following amendment to include the following under III A. in the first paragraph at the end of the 4th sentence: "including the possibility of hiring a third kindergarten teacher. After much discussion, it was moved by Mary Lyttle, seconded by Josh Stewart and voted unanimously to establish a third kindergarten classroom for 2009-2010.*

ADJOURNMENT

- *It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



B..J. Newmier, Secretary Pro Tem