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PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
North Pembroke Elementary School Library

Call to Order

Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Present from Administration: Erin Obey, Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica DeLorenzo, Director of Student Services

Present from Committee: Lance Kennedy, Chair; Susie Scholl, Vice Chair; Susan Bollinger, Secretary; Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors

Mr. Kennedy welcomed the audience members.

Adjustments to Agenda

None

Communications

Warrants were sent out electronically for approval.

Consideration for Approval: Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to approve the school committee meeting minutes of June 21, 2022.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Discussion: Superintendent Evaluation Format/Timeline

Mr. Kennedy asked the members to email their evaluations.

Superintendent's Report

FY22 Budget Closeout

Mrs. Obey said the adopted budget for FY22 was \$35,500,000 and FY22 expenditures were \$31,709,928.40 leaving a balance of \$3,790,071.60. Less the encumbered funds for summer payroll of \$2,225,912.67 and open purchase orders of \$1,391,564.43 leaves \$172,594.50. These funds will be placed in a Special Education Stabilization Account so zero cash will be returned to the Town this year. There is \$49,969.63 of unspent purchase orders and payroll from FY21 as of 6/30/22 and this amount will be returned to the Town as free cash.

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to encumber \$3,617,477.10 for fiscal year 2022 expenditures to be paid in FY23.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to move the sum of \$172,594.50 into the Special Education Stabilization Account.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Consideration for First Read and Approval: PHS Student Handbook Revisions

Mrs. Obey said it is important to have this for ready in time for student registration on the portal, so it is suggested that committee waive Policy BGB and take this as a first read and approval instead of a first and second read. A new internet use policy is to be included in place of the current policy. The committee discussed the proposed changes in red. Mr. Tropeano suggested changing the wording around sexually explicit photos/videos to sexually explicit language. Mrs. Scholl confirmed that harassment listed in group D and F reference different scenarios. Mr. Talbot added that hats are now allowed to be worn but not hoods. Mrs. Bollinger confirmed that the moment of silence is not new just reworded.

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to suspend Policy BGB and consider for first read and approval the PHS student handbook revisions as amended.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Consideration for Approval: DEI Working Group: New Member Interest Survey

Mrs. Obey said in 2020 parent representatives were solicited to join the group and two from each building were chosen. Over the past two years participation has shifted so the district is looking to open up the working group to new members in hopes for balanced perspectives. The DEI is a working group of parents, teachers and administrators. This is a new name as of June as it was previously called the Social Justice Group. Mrs. Bollinger said the group should represent the community in a positive way and it is important to have different viewpoints and hear everyone's view. Mrs. Obey clarified that this is not new work in the district but a continuation of the work already happening, while including parents and sharing the work that is being done. Mrs. Scholl said she is on the committee and there has been very respectful dialogue. Mrs. Bollinger said this is an opportunity for people to get involved and be heard. Mr. Tropeano said people may have differences of opinion concerning the role of government in education. He suggested the survey ask what the applicant is looking to solve. Ms. Brust said there is a letter that will go with this survey that is more detailed. Mr. Kennedy said the common goal is providing the best education for the students and this working group should be no different. Mr. Boyle said he would love to see friendly, respectful dialogue to have a better community as there is a disconnect. Mrs. Obey said the meetings have always been respectful and it is a safe space to speak freely, and the group is about having conversations and sharing experiences. Mr. Tropeano asked how to achieve balance within the group and Ms. Brust said that will be tricky. She said the goal is to be welcoming and encourage people to be part of the school community to do this work together.

Mrs. Obey explained the steering committee and the subgroups. The subgroups meet to discuss the needs of teachers around curriculum materials. The representative of that subgroup shares with the steering committee and the steering committee shares to the School Committee. Part of the meetings is parents sharing what they think, see, feel and hear and work on solutions to issues. Mrs. Bollinger asked what it is like for a group member that doesn't agree, and Mrs. Scholl said there have always been good conversations not divisive, and Mrs. Obey added that it is good to challenge the thought process.

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to accept as a first read the survey as presented.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Consideration for Approval: Surplus Items: Hobomock Elementary School

Mrs. Obey said there is some Hobomock furniture and curricular materials to deem surplus so that Hobomock can dispose of and/or recycle them in accordance with district policy.

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Superintendent to declare surplus the materials as presented.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Consideration for Approval: SY21-22 Clubs/Advisors

Mrs. Obey said this is generally taken in the fall but it was overlooked.

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to approve the clubs and advisors as presented.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Future Meeting Dates and Topics

8/23/22, 9/6/22 and 9/20/22

VOTE: At 8:01PM, on a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss a personal services contract, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair.

Voting Yes: Lance Kennedy Susie Scholl, Susan Bollinger, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

APPROVED: August 22, 2022

MOTIONS

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