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PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
North Pembroke Elementary School Library

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The meeting is recorded

Call to Order

Mr. Tropeano called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

VOTE: At 7:05pm on a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting of the School Committee.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Lance Kennedy, Susie Scholl and Susan Bollinger
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Meeting resumed at 7:23pm.

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

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

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors

No visitors

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Communications

None

Approval of Bill Schedule

Bills were circulated electronically.

Consideration of Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to approve the school committee meeting minutes of April 5, 2022 as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, David Boyle, Lance Kennedy, Susie Scholl and Susan Bollinger
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Superintendent's Report

Consideration of First Read: 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Students start on 8/31. November 10th Professional Development day will consist of morning PD and afternoon parent teacher conferences. 12/23 is a half day.

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar as amended as a first read.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Consideration of First Read: Policy IKFB-R Graduation Ceremony Policy Dress Regulations

Mrs. Obey said the Education Subcommittee met to discuss items relating to graduation and then moved this topic to the Policy Subcommittee for review. Both subcommittees had conversations around the dress for the graduation ceremony relating to caps/gowns and cords and sashes. The conversations centered around the movement toward a single color gown for graduation. Mr. Talbot said 24 south shore towns have shifted to one color and six still have two colors but two of the six are reviewing it. He polled the student body grades 9-11 and of 305 responses, 44% wanted to keep two colors and 55% wanted one color. Mrs. Obey said the subcommittees discussed cords and sashes and the desire is to focus on overall academic achievement for graduation purposes, which is the National Honor Society cord and the cord representing the top 10% of the class. Over the past several years additional cords have been requested to be worn but they are not representative of overall achievement. The recommendation is that only school committee issued cords based on academic achievement, in addition to military sashes, will be worn. Other achievements will be recognized at awards nights. Mrs. Bollinger confirmed that students will continue to be recognized in the graduation program. they participate. Mr. Tropeano asked about the sashes of class officers and Mr. Talbot said it is appropriate for the class officers to wear their sashes as they are chosen for their positions by the full student body. Mr. Talbot said he met with a group of students regarding this change and student Kathleen Morris was coming tonight to present to the committee, but she is sick, so he read an email from her about the request to wear a Computer Science CSHS cord. Mr. Kennedy reiterated that students will have the opportunity for recognition within their group. Mr. Tropeano said he believes the committee as whole believes that excellence goes beyond NHS and being top 10% of the class and there are students that excel in their field.

VOTE: On a motion made by Susan Bollinger and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to accept Policy IKFB-R Graduation Ceremony Policy Dress Regulations as presented.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Future Meeting Dates and Topics

5/10/22

VOTE At 7:45PM, on a motion made by Lance Kennedy and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted, by roll call, to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) for a personnel matter and to conduct a review and potential approval and release of Executive Session Minutes as an open meeting may a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair, with additional business to be discussed.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Meeting resumed at 8:13PM.

VOTE: On a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by Lance Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve and release the Executive Session Minutes of July 7, 2020, July 14, 2020, August 11, 2020, August 18, 2020, August 25, 2020, September 1, 2020, September 8, 2020, September 15, 2020, September 22, 2020, October 27, 2020, December 15, 2020, January 26, 2021, February 2, 2021, February 9, 2021, February 23, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 9, 2021, March 16, 2021, March 30, 2021, April 6, 2021, April 13, 2021, April 27, 2021, May 18, 2021, June 8, 2021, June 22, 2021 and June 29, 2021.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE At 8:14 PM, on a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

APPROVED: May 10, 2022

MOTIONS

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to approve the school committee meeting minutes of April 5, 2022 as presented.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar as amended as a first read.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Susan Bollinger and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to accept Policy IKFB-R Graduation Ceremony Policy Dress Regulations as presented.

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

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