OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 8:30 AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Priscilla Sylvia, Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan;
Others: Principal's Office – Laury Binney, Jennifer Arnold;
Superintendent's Office – Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney,
Laurie Halt, Dan Seklecki
Mark Wallace,
OB FinCom – Steve Auerbach
Recorder - Marni Lipke*

*Late arrivals or early departures

The meeting was called to order at 8:32AM.

Minutes: 4/29/10 (Agenda Item #1)

• *MELANIE MARCHAND MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 29, 2198 MINUTES; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Public Comment – Mark Wallace (Agenda Item #2)

• *ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED SOME SIDE LOT PARKING SPACES WOULD BE LEASED TO MARK WALLACE PENDING A LETTER INCLUDING;*
- THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF REQUESTED SPACES,
- A COPY OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE INCLUDING COVERAGE OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL,
- STATEMENT THAT ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL GROUNDS;
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Financial Report (Agenda Item #3)

School Lunch Fund (See documents on file.)

The Fund was in the red again but participation was up in comparison with previous years.

Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

The General Fund will be expended to 0 and with the exception of some substantial Special Education (SpEd) most Departments were not in the black. Transfers would be taken up at next meeting.

School Choice – Computer Analysis/Copier (See documents on file.)

• *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COPIER FOR $9,300, MELANIE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Discussion with Town

There was concern that the shrinking Town Finance Department including the loss of experience and expertise would create difficulties in School/Town monetary coordination and Mass. State reporting. Amy Tierney offered her help.

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #6)

Maintenance & Facility Issues:

Vineyard Generator – Packer did pump out the generator and OBS did not have to pay for disposal of the old fuel so the bill was less than the $2,200 voted.

Fence – Administration was still working out the details, maybe heavy chain; repair of the benches should be included. The current economy has resulted in more affordable labor prices.

Enrollment 413 / School Choice 60

Calendar of End-Of-Year (See documents on file.)

DARE Graduation

The OBSC discussed the effectiveness/ambiguity of this program and the drug prevalence among Island youth. Lisa Reagan went on record to say that as parents, educators, administrators all had to be role models.

Personnel (Agenda Item #7)

Hiring - Two positions were on hold. There was a large quality pool of applicants.

School Advisory Council (SAC) (Agenda Item #8)

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

The SAC was concerned about the OBS aging computer hardware. The OBSC discussed the need for: real task technology lessons, financial flexibility, and waiting for fall to take advantage of fast moving innovations /software. No action was taken

Old /New Business (Agenda Item #9)

Student Support Director Dan Seklecki explained that Project Headway was now at critical mass – this year Islandwide enrollment for grade age (K-5) was in the 20's with at least 10 from OB. Consequently he proposed one of the two required summer school classrooms be housed at the OBS. Costs were estimated around the $12-15,000 mark – some REAP, some ARRA, no Circuit Breaker. Laury Binney, Dan Seklecki, and Jennifer Arnold would meet to work out the details.

• *IN THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS LISA REAGAN MOVED TO TAKE THE MONEY TO FUND SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 SCHOOL CHOICE; MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
There was a tense discussion on notifying the OBSC before any major purchases were made.

Correspondence (Agenda Item #10)
DESE Letter - (See documents on file and 4/29/10 Minutes p. 5.)

Parent Groups (PTO) (Agenda Item #11)
The Youth Task Force would be addressing the next meeting.

Next Meeting
The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM June 15, 2010 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 10:05AM.

Documents on file:
Agenda 5/18/10
OBS Fund Balances 2009-2010 5/17/10
OBS General Fund Expenditure Report (8 p.) 5/17/10
School Committee Meeting 5/18/10 Cover Sheet
Fund Balances 2008-2009 5/3/10
OBS General Fund Expenditure Report (8 p.) 5/6/10
Revolving Lunch 2009-2010 5/4/10
Revolving Lunch 2008-2009 9/11/09
School Choice Expenses 2009-2010 (2 p.) 4/22/10
YTD Sub Expenses 2009-2010 5/3/10
Weiss letter to Mass. DESE re: LEP students taking MCAS 5/10/10
Warren email re: Computer use/need Observations etc. 5/10/10
End of the Year Events

Approved as amended for typos, grammar, etc. August 26, 2010.