OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 2:30PM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Priscilla Sylvia, Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan,
Others: Principal's Office – Carlin Hart,
Superintendent's Office – Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

The meeting was called to order at 2:37PM.

Minutes of 08.26.10 / 06.30.10 meeting read & approved (Agenda Item #1)
The minutes were in summer backlog.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #4)
It was a good opening day for students and staff of the MV Public Schools (MVPS)—$48 million budget, 500 personnel and 625,000 sq. ft. of facilities. The Island educational community had been extremely lucky in avoiding the deep financial and staff cuts suffered all over the country including Cape Cod and Nantucket.

Policy (Agenda Item #5)
School Lunch
As noted at the last meeting the lunch payment policy was being changed to trigger student family notification at $5 and delinquent notification at $10.
• LISA REAGAN MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE AMENDED SCHOOL LUNCH POLICY; MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENTIONS.

Personnel (Agenda Item #7)
Retirement
The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) argued a request for a revised letter of retirement from former Principal Laury Binney. The issues were, sick day buy back, language, back dating and Mass. Teachers Retirement Board regulations.
• PENDING IMMEDIATE RECEIPT OF SUCH A LETTER LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ACCEPT A SIMPLE LETTER OF RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE JUNE 30TH SIGNED BY LAURIE BINNEY DATED TODAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2010; MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED;
- MOTION AMENDED TO DELETE ANY REFERENCE TO VIETNAM IN THE LETTER; AMENDED MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Financial Report (Agenda Item #3)

School Lunch Fund (See documents on file.)

At the beginning of the year the program looked good and revenue was satisfactory (see below: Policy).

Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

Still early in the year there were no journal transfers. School Choice funds dedicated to the Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) budget would be taken out of the Administrative Salaries line.

• There was a projected deficit in the Special Education (SpEd) summer school line as well as another in the longevity line – due to the new teachers contract.

• The OBSC requested:

- a list of OBS new hires,
- a comparative salary list for FY10 and FY11,
- the previous documentation for the School Choice withdrawals.

FY10 Closeout

The Town 's new bookkeeper was making progress in closing out FY10. The Residential Placement debt had been discussed with Town Administrator Michael Dutton.

School Choice Fund (See documents on file.)

The invoice inconsistency with Vineyard Bottled water was resolved. The custodians were now trained to clean all ventilation units except the Gym.

• *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF $9,524.82 FROM THE SCHOOL CHOICE FUND TO PAY THE INVOICES AS SUBMITTED (see documents on file); MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Scholarship Fund

Every year at 8th grade graduation the OBS granted $500 to a child to be redeemed at their graduation from high school. These scholarships were tracked for each student in a special fund. There was a question of whether the scholarship language included graduation from any high school or if it specified the MV Regional High School (MVRHS).

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #6)

Enrollment 403 – English Language Learners (ELL) 28.

Maintenance & Facility Issues:

Posts – There was no response to repeated calls to the Town Highway, Parks and Recreation Department. If possible the Administration would do the work themselves.

Windows repair was proceeding; the staff and custodians were asked to check for any additional breaks.

MCAS

MCAS scores were received and will be mailed home this week. English/Language Arts (E/LA) met its target. Title One grant, tutoring and reading teacher consultation would all be implemented this year. The MV Public Schools were behind in student achievement measurement / analysis.

Busses

Delays in buses and parking/traffic chaos during morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up continued to be a problem. No solutions had been found to traffic patterns, keeping parents in their cars, other exits, etc. Brian Scott was commended for his work as a crossing guard.

PA System – was still not functioning properly. Other schools had been surveyed and Simplex would be asked to come to the Vineyard for repairs as this was a safety/security matter. In addition Prin. Hart requested the purchase of two-way radios.

BTSN - (Back To School Night) was well attended. Follow up would include a brochure on curriculums and a short survey on what parents really wanted to know.

• 500 people at the OBS (400 students and 100 staff) were using 175 outdated computers (including the popular mobile lab). The Administration was looking for funding to update school technology hardware.

• There were 22 paraprofessionals in the OBS.

School Advisory Council (SAC) (Agenda Item #8)
10.14.2010

Parent Groups (PTO) would meet tonight. (Agenda Item #11)

Old /New Business (Agenda Item #9)

The OBS schedule was currently showing some problematic areas that were being analyzed for better solutions.

- Homerooms could be shifted from the first period of the day so students could start academic learning immediately in the morning.
- After fighting hard to keep instrumental music in the budget the All Island Band was taking students out of the first period core subjects for rehearsals/practice.

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM October 18, 2010 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

Adjourn

• *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 3:56AM; MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on file:

Agenda 9/21/10
School Choice Approval
Home Room Totals
Computer Status…
OBS Calendar Academic yeaer 2010-2011 Important Dates to Remember 9/16/10
School Committee Meeting 9/21/10 Cover Sheet
  Fund Balances 2010-2011 9/17/10
  OBS General Fund Expenditure Report 2010-2011 (8 p.) 9/17/10
  Revolving Lunch FY11
  School Choice Expenses 2010-2011 9/17/10
BTU (3 p.) 2/1/20
BTU (2 p.) 8/29/10
Cottage City 8-19-10
Vineyard Bottled Waters (2 p.) 8/31/10
Perry Electric 9/1/10
Hinckley & Sons Inc. 8/12/10, 8/11/10, 8/27/10 (3 p.)
Crossland Landscape 8/23/10
Alexander & Dyke 8/31/10
A. P. Fortes Plumbing 8/26/10
R. M. Packer 8/31/10
Island Color Center 8/31/10
Allied Waste 8/31/10
Electronic Security Systems (2 p.) 9/13/10

Approved as amended for typos December 21, 2010.