

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 8:30 AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell,
Superintendent's Office –Matt D'Andrea,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals
or early departures

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:39AM.

Spotlight on Learning (Agenda Item #1)

There was a moment of silence for OBS alumna and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) student Jake Baird who was killed in a car crash. The OBS community rose to the occasion with extraordinary support, (his sister was in the School) including evaluations, counseling, staff meeting acknowledgement and memorial service contributions. As a reading specialist, Principal Megan Farrell taught him daily.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2017 (Agenda Item #2)

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 19, 2017 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Public Comment – None (Agenda Item #3)

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #4)

• **Enrollment Projections** (See documents on file.)

- Prin. Farrell stated for the record that between Academic Year 2013/14 (AY13-14) and AY15/16 there was a 5.8% growth differential in the middle school necessitating an additional teacher and raising the OBS Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Budget 3.89%. She urged the education community to support the likely Town override. Six more students enrolled this week for a total building occupancy of 431 (including Project Headway).
- The New England School Development Council (NESDEC) projected enrollment would rise again next year and then start to decrease by ~ 12% in 10 years. During the same period the MVRHS would increase sharply.
- Supt. Matt D'Andrea was requesting further information from NESDEC on comparable actuals versus projections to consider data accuracy.
- The base data (births, building permits, etc.) showed births were consistently higher than kindergarten enrollment five years later. Previous studies showed fairly good accuracy for five years, but decreasing precision from five to 10 years.
- Ancillary information showed two students in private schools and two being home schooled. 37 students choiced out of district (including to the Charter School) while 41 choiced in.

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- Prin. Farrell confirmed that next year would graduate a small eighth grade and that kindergarten enrollment was already high—36-39 students with about 10 on Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Financial Report

(Agenda Item #3)

Lines had been transferred for better tracking and Prin. Farrell was satisfied with the current financial status.

- **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)
- **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file.)

- The slight negative in Advisor Salaries reflected the highly successful after school programs. In response to student demand, Administration was finding ways to continue activities in the spring semester. The OBSC was urged to visit the: Leggo, Robotics & Coding, and Yu-Gi-Oh Clubs. The OBSC considered the valuable programs to be excellent return on a small investment and asked for total participation numbers.
- Undistributed Conferences/Workshops would continue in deficit (see 5/16/17 p. 2 #4). Two staff would attend the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (MassCUE) training “Lead Like a Pirate” to foster a team of lead teachers. Staff would also attend “Google Palooza” for practice in Google classroom and coding. Expenses were being monitored to keep them within bounds of a transfer from the Teacher’s Increment line.
- The Special Education (SpEd) Education Support Professional (ESP) Line showed an unanticipated one-on-one need.
- A-1 Cleaners was hired to cover greater than usual Custodian health issues. Prin. Farrell was hoping to coordinate with the Highway Dept. on Town facility on night cleaning and shoveling, as well as a possible facilities manager with high-level technical skills. She was also hoping to coordinate on Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems for more Island-wide service and efficiency.
- Administrators were closely watching Federal grants like Title One; for example the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) (\$31,000) would be reduced and then terminated.

- **Revolving School Lunch Fund** (See documents on file.)

The State reimbursement was again delayed but if counted would put the fund in the black. The School was serving a lot of breakfasts and lunch prices increased by 25¢ at the beginning of year. Cafeteria staff was hosting a Brazilian night, asking for recipes and reaching out to vendors. OBS was at 51% Free & Reduced (the highest on the Island) but if students didn’t buy lunch the School would not get the needed support. The socio-economic performance gap continued to be difficult to remediate, despite early literacy and math programs.

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• **School Choice** (See documents on file.)

There was a healthy balance (\$145,000) plus anticipated revenue – but this did not reflect the \$49,500 withdrawal for the new door locks and security.

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #6)

• **Capital Improvement Plan**

Prin. Farrell met with Town Administrator Bob Whritenour on the preliminary bond estimate for the roof/ HVAC project (\$5.2 million with a 10% differential). The \$450,000 engineering design would be an Annual Town Meeting article, along with the above-mentioned override. The OBSC thank Prin. Farrell for her hard work and briefly reviewed the uncertain history of the OBS HVAC system.

• **Facilities Status**

- Door lock and camera security with a more advanced control system was in progress.
- Aging rugs (11 from 1996 school construction) were being replaced with tile on a rotating basis (at ~ \$100,000). Although the OBSC and Administration were stewards of the School facility the Town was responsible for capital improvements and planning.

• **BOTVIN Update**

This Health and Wellness curriculum pilot was very successfully implemented in grades five through eight. Counselor Erika Mulvey was working with each grade in 10 week cycles. The OBSC asked about plans to expand the program to Kindergarten through fourth grades.

Personnel (Agenda Item #7)

• **Retirement**

Second Grade ESP and OBS Drama Director Shelagh Hackett handed in her letter of retirement. The OBSC expressed dismay and regret and sent her their love and best wishes.

Old /New Business – None (Agenda Item #9)

Correspondence – None (Agenda Item #10)

Executive Session – Not needed (Agenda Item #12)

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM, Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

Adjourn

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:29AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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Documents on file:

Agenda 1/17/18

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2017-2018 1/16/18

General Fund Expenditure Report 2017-2018 – OB Site (3 p.) 1/16/18

School Choice FY18 Report

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY18

Massachusetts Elementary & Secondary Education Payment Details 04-221 Oak
Bluffs School Committee 1/16/18

- Enrollment Projections Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Oak Bluffs School
(8 p. not counting blanks) 12/5/17

Minutes approved 2/20/18.