

A regular business meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall.

School Board members present:

Mary Townsend, Chair
John Christie, Vice-Chair
David Hillman
Kimberly Monaghan-Derrig
Michael Moore
Kathy Ray
M. Kate Williams-Hewitt

Student Representatives present:

Reid Douty

Kenneth J. Murphy, Ed.D, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Unable to attend: Matt Miklavic

Ms. Townsend called the meeting to order and welcomed Dr. Murphy as Interim Superintendent through June 2011.

1. **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA** - Addition to Item 6d, Deven Morrill's name for consideration; Item 6c, (varsity baseball trip) additional board action required due to the fundraising component (policy DF-R); New Item 6e, approval of the credentials review committee for the superintendent's search.
2. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES** –
 - a) **Business Meeting, Tuesday, December 14, 2010** - Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Hewitt seconded. (Approved 7-0)
3. **COMMENTS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES** - Middle School representatives, Gabby Raymond and Sarah O'Connor, and High School representative, Reid Douty, spoke briefly on items of interest from the students' perspective.
4. **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS** – *none*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **MS 'This We Believe' essayists** - *item postponed to February 8, 2011 meeting*
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Consideration to approve Cape Elizabeth's PATHS Part I Budget costs for 2011-12 in the amount of \$45,135.44** - Ms. Ray briefly explained the district's portion of the Portland Arts and Technology High School (PATHS) budget. PATHS fulfills the state requirement that school districts offer vocational programming. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve Cape Elizabeth's PATHS Part I budget as presented. Mr. Christie seconded. (Approved 7-0)
 - b. **Consideration to approve High School World Affairs Council trip to Boston University Model United Nations, February 4-6, 2011** - Principal Shedd presented this item as the second of three planned trips. Students would be missing one school day and the cost to students would be approximately \$200. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the High School World Affairs Council trip to Boston University as presented. Mr. Hillman seconded. (Approved 7-0)
 - c. **Consideration to approve fundraising for and Varsity Baseball team trip to Orlando, FL, April 15-22, 2011** - Bob Danielson, representing the baseball boosters,

and Coach Hayward spoke briefly about this item. Mr. Danielson explained that twenty students from the team hope to go to Florida by raising funds. One family will be provided some support from the boosters. Students are charged with raising funds independently so as to not detract from fundraising needed for the whole boosters program. Coach Hayward said after some discussion the team consensus was that individuals could raise the funds necessary without formal fundraising efforts. There was some discussion about the interpretation of the fundraising policy (DF-R) and whether the issue was the booster group raising the funds or the fact that the trip costs that much? Mr. Hillman proposed approving a specific total amount to satisfy the policy guidelines in this instance. Coach Hayward said the estimated cost per person would be \$1,700. In 2009, the projected cost was \$1,400. Actual expenses were under budget and approximately \$70 was returned to each participating team member. Mr. Christie asked how many athletes were on the team. Coach Hayward explained that 20 students-athletes will go on the trip and they are selected to attend based on their embodiment of the program values of 'commitment, community and character'. Ms. Williams-Hewitt asked if some students who wish to go don't get invited. Coach Hayward explained that he sees this as an opportunity for younger athletes to aspire to and eventually all athletes should have the opportunity to participate.

- Mr. Hillman motioned to approve the varsity baseball team trip to Orlando, Florida, April 15-22, 2011 with an estimated cost up to \$34,000. Mr. Moore seconded. (Approved 7-0)
- Ms. Williams-Hewitt motioned to approve the varsity baseball team trip to Orlando, Florida, April 15-22, 2011. Ms. Monaghan-Derrig seconded. (Approved 7-0)

d. **Consideration to approve the following extra curricular staff nominations -**

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| Deven Morrill | Varsity Nordic Ski |
| Jason Kendall | Nordic Ski (<i>volunteer</i>) |

- Mr. Hillman questioned the varsity coach's stipend amount. Mr. Thoreck explained that Coach Morrill would receive the school-funded \$3,500 stipend. Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the nominations as presented. Ms. Williams-Hewitt seconded. (Approved 7-0)

- e. **Consideration to approve the Credentials Review Committee for the superintendent's search** - Mr. Moore motioned that the School Board establish a Credentials Review Committee for the purpose of assisting the School Board in evaluating the credentials of the superintendent candidates; and committee members will include School Board members, members of the district leadership team, town council, teachers and citizens. Ms. Ray seconded. Mr. Hillman clarified for the record that the CRC would be providing a variety of recommendations but that it is the School Board's decision. Ms. Townsend added that more information will be posted online, similar to the process the town uses for open committee seats. (Approved 7-0)

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

Teaching & Learning Cmte (Kate Williams-Hewitt): the next meeting will be on Friday, January 21. The Workshop will be on January 25 and videotaped for posting online. The topic will be Technology.

Legislative Cmte (David Hillman): no meeting date has been set, but the town council and school board recently met with local legislators and not much is known, but potential

budget shortfall numbers were discussed. A proposal was discussed to file legislation in conjunction with other local communities for the purpose of opening up competition for district health insurance.

Finance Cmte (John Christie): the next meeting will be on January 25 (*immediately preceding the regular Board Workshop*) and the agenda will include capitol improvement needs, including the High School boiler replacement project, and an outline of the budget process schedule.

Policy Cmte (Kathy Ray): the next meeting will be January 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Human Resources Cmte (Kathy Ray): working on finalizing the next meeting

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – none
9. **SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA REQUESTS** – none
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS** - Ms. Williams-Hewitt reminded the Board that the Wellness Committee continues to meet regularly and recently received grant funding.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Christie made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Williams-Hewitt seconded. (Approved 7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth J. Murphy, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools