

Meeting Notice

Board/Committee Name: Petersham School Committee
Day/Date: Thursday, April 13th, 2017
Time of Meeting: 6:00PM
Location: Staff Room



Minutes

- 1. Call to order- Lynn Peredina, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Lynn Peredina, Janice Coughlan, and Angela Danielson.

Members Absent: None.

Others: Superintendent Tari Thomas, Director of Finance Daniel Haynes, Principal Joanne Menard, and Alyssa Roberts.

- 2. Public Hearing for FY18 Petersham Center School Budget- Dan Haynes & Tari Thomas provided a slide presentation on the FY18 budget. The details are in the budget hearing file. Tari and Dan opened this up to questions. Tari wanted to give a shout out to Janice for being so diligent in the work with Finance and Facilities subcommittee. Ross France asked for clarification on the students with disabilities and how does that compare with last year. Tari explained that last year it was at 19.9%. Ross explained that he met with the advisory finance committee on Tuesday evening and they have a pretty good projection of the overall town budget. He then went on to say that they have asked departments to flat fund and many departments have done that. With this being said it looks like the current tax increase is about \$1 increase which will look like \$250 in the average household. Tari explained that when they first looked at this budget it was up almost 20% and the budget that they just explained is showing a cut of 2.5 staff members. Tari wanted to emphasize that any further cuts are not possible without drastically changing the programming at Petersham Center School. Ross wanted to give them a pointer and say that when you do talk to the Finance Committee and eventually at Town Meeting if you could have your pluses and minuses that go into this budget clearly defined. Tari wanted to explain that this year they will be advertising that there are open seats for school choice students and that the more students we can take in the more buoyant we will become. Christina Boyer-Thompson asked what goes into the cost shift with the Superintendency Union because it seems like this just keeps increasing the budget. Tari explained this is an increase because we brought more equity and fairness to the cost appropriated to each district. Tari explained historically Mahar has been paying all of the expenses and Orange Elementary and Petersham Center school have not been paying their full share. Christina explained then when this consolidation process was brought to them it seemed like a great opportunity because it was going to save money and now it seems like this keeps increasing. Tari explained the consolidation and the joint supervisory does still benefit Petersham financially because this small school would be hard pressed to find their own Superintendent, Director of Special Education, Director of Finance, Accounts Payable, and Payroll. Tari explained we are moving forward with a regional planning grant with our districts. Tari wanted to explain to Nancy and Ross that maybe we could think about shifting the cost of health care out of the Petersham budget and onto the town side.

Janice Coughlan moved that the Petersham School Committee approve the fiscal year 2018 town appropriation budget of \$1,461,314. Angela Danielson seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

Angela Danielson motioned to adjourn the budget at 6:53pm. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order- Lynn Peredina, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:54pm.
- 2. Public Comment- none.
- 3. Glimpse Into the Classroom- Cancelled. The teacher that was planning to be here couldn't with the time change.
- 4. Report of the Petersham Teachers' Union- nothing to report.
- 5. April Items-
 - a. Efficiency and Regionalization Grant- Tari explained that this is in the shared file and you can see that we received a grant in the amount of \$53,000. She stated that the central office will be

moving

ahead with legal counsel to determine next steps. Also that Mahar will act as the fiscal agent for this grant, and movies will be used for regional planning, meeting facilitation and public outreach.

6. Matters for Action/Vote

- a. School Calendar- Tari explained this district calendar has not had any adjustments since your first reading as no one has made recommendations for consideration. The committee that works on

this

project annually is aware of the committee's recommendation to start this process earlier in the school year and to survey parents for input.

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Angela Danielson moved that the Petersham School Committee accept the 2017-2018

calendar. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

- b. School Committee Reorganization/School Committee Subcommittees and Liaisons- Tari explained

it is that time of year again. The committee needs to re-org and update memberships on various Sub-committees.

Angela Danielson moved to recommend Lynn Peredina for Chair. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: All in favor. Abstained: Lynn Peredina.

Janice Coughlan moved to recommend Angela Danielson. Vice-Chair. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: All in favor. Abstained: Angela Danielson

Angela Danielson moved to recommend Janice Coughlan as Secretary of the School Committee. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: All in favor. Abstained: Janice Coughlan.

Angela Danielson moved to nominate Janice Coughlan to stay on the Finance & Facilities Subcommittee. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: All in favor. Abstained: Janice

Coughlan.

Angela Danielson nominated Tari Thomas Policy & Planning Subcommittee. Lynn

Peredina

seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

Janice Coughlan moved that we have a majority of the full committee to sign the Payroll/Warrants. Angela Danielson seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

Angela Danielson moved to nominate Alyssa Roberts Clerk to the Committee. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

Angela Danielson moved to nominate Tari Thomas CAPS representative. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

Angela Danielson moved to nominate Janice COughlan. Lynn Peredina seconded. Union

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and RC Mahar Regional Joint Supervisory School Committee. VOTED: All in favor.

Abstained: Janice Coughlan.

Angela Danielson moved to nominate Lynn Peredina as the Mahar Representative. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

7. Sub Committee/Liaison Updates

- a. Report of the Mahar Representative- Lynn Peredina explained that at the meeting they did glimpse into the classroom; it was an animated presentation of the Hyannis Conference. Lynn explained a lot of the same things that we did here. Tari explained they voted the budget.
- b. Report of the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee- Janice explained they met and talked about the budget maybe 2-3 times.
- c. Report of the Policy Subcommittee- Tari Thomas explained that the policy subcommittee has been moving right along. They have tackled A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H. The week after vacation they are tackling a huge section which is I on instruction then J which is students. They are aiming to be done by June with this subcommittee.
- d. Report of the CAPS Collaborative Representative- Tari explained they approved a budget, approved personnel, all is well.

- e. Report of the Union 73 and RC Mahar Regional Joint Supervisory Committee- Tari explained that the committee has looked at my goals and my progress towards my goals, they have been very positive. There is one component that she is struggling with which is data compiling. The other thing that was looked at was the cost share.
- 8. Superintendent's Report- Tari highlighted a couple of items from her report. Dan explained that Principal Menard and himself went out to visit the Quabbin Retreat and had a great visit. They want to see how they can partner with them for enrichment opportunities with them. She told us to apply for a grant that we would be eligible for. Lynn explained in dropping off a community survey, she stopped into the community store and she spoke with Ari (owner of the store). Lynn explained he brought up some ideas, he is all for the playground but he would love to see it be bigger. Lynn explained the bottom line is that she would like to involve him.
- 9. Minutes presented for approval: **Angela Danielson moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.**
- 10. Executive Session: **Angela Danielson moved to adjourn regular session at 7:45pm to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous. Roll call done by Alyssa Roberts. All in favor.**
- 11. Date of Next Meeting: June 1, 2017 at 5:30PM
- 12. Adjourn- **Angela Danielson moved to adjourn at 745pm. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.**

Minutes Taken By: Alyssa Roberts

DATE APPROVED: 6-5-17

Signature of Secretary _____
Janice Coughlan

DATE: _____