

**MEETING MINUTES of the
ORLEANS SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE AND TIME:
Monday, February 14, 2022 @ 3:30PM

This meeting took place **remotely** pursuant to the law signed by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021 – An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, which includes an extension, until July 15, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Gail Briere, Sasandra Roche, Ian Mack, Hank Schumacher, Ginger Marks

NON MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent; Elaine Pender, Principal; Robin Millen, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment; Giovanna Venditti, Director of Finance & Operations; Geof Deering, Fire Chief, Ron Collins, Building & Facilities Manager; John Kelly, Town Administrator

Call to Order & Declaration of a Quorum, Meeting Participation Statement and Recording Statement:

Chair Briere called the meeting to order at 3:30PM, and read the meeting participation and recording statements.

Agenda Changes:

There were no Agenda changes.

Citizens Speak:

Chair Briere opened the floor to citizen's comment(s)/public participation.
There were no citizen comments.

PRIORITY BUSINESS:

Chair Report: Chair Briere reported on the Universal Preschool Support Program; there are currently seven agencies signed up and 24 eligible children; three children did not qualify this year based on age; and one family that has not returned the requested paperwork.

Superintendent Report: The report was included in the packet. Highlights included: Budget preparations are being finalized, and Administration is in the process of meeting with each of the Town Administrators for additional discussions; overview of new positions since the start of the 2021-2022 school year; update on the Nauset Regional High School MSBA Project; and Nauset Regional High School Principal Search Committee has met and gone over the eleven resumes submitted, and one candidate was selected to move forward for interview and stakeholder meeting, with final hiring decision to be communicated by the end of the month.

Principal Report: Principal Pender's report was included in the packet. Highlights included: recognition to the teachers and intervention team that have completed the Dibels and iReady assessments and conducted data meetings to review student progress and create targeted intervention plans; OES School community has been enthusiastically reading and has surpassed the goal of reading 100 books by March 21st; thank you to Mr. Schwab for leading the Winter Walk to School, and to families' dedication to support their children's success in school; thank you to the PTC for providing coffee and treats from the Snowy Owl.

FY23 Budget Discussion: Giovanna Venditti and Elaine Pender discussed with the Committee the FY23 Orleans Elementary School Budget, which was included in the packet last month. A public hearing will be scheduled at the next School Committee meeting in March for the FY23 Budget.

FY22 Expenditure Report Review: Giovanna Venditti reviewed the FY22 Expenditure Report. The expenditure report was included in the packet to the Committee.

Continued Discussion on Preliminary Concept for Fire Station Expansion: See attached summary of questions posed by the Committee and answers provided by town officials.

MOTION: It was moved by Gail Briere, seconded by Ginger Marks and voted (4-1-0) (Ian Mack recusing) that the Orleans School Committee approve the request of the Town of Orleans to include approximately one acre of school property adjacent to the fire station in the new Fire Station Feasibility Study as proposed, provided that the study includes the following site improvements to the OES property, as identified for consideration on the list of January 24, 2022.

REPORTS & INFORMATION:

- A. Cape Cod Collaborative: Hank Schumacher reported that last meeting was February 9th; Waypoint Academy will be moving hopefully in September to the new Yarmouth location.
- B. PTC: Sasandra Roche reported that the PTC continues to support teachers, administration, and students.
- C. School Council: Principal Pender reported the School Council has not met since the last School Committee meeting; however the subgroup met to outline and define the course of Life Time Learning; there was recently an article in the CC Chronicle around the topic, and Principal Pender would like to recognize Molly Jenks and Scotti Finnegan for their efforts.
- D. Policy Subcommittee: No report.
- E. Behavioral Health Task Force: Last meeting was January 25th; the group has accomplished so much, as they continue to work diligently on BRYT program, Social Emotional Health programs, Care Solace, Gosnold at the Middle and High schools, and vaping awareness programs.
- F. Preschool Enrollment Report: Report was included in in packet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved by Ginger Marks, seconded by Sasandra Roche and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Please check your email for bills just submitted to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved by Hank Schumacher, seconded by Ian Mack and voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 4:33PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Miller
Recording Secretary

Documents Reviewed and Available Upon Request

Superintendent's Report, Principal's Report, FY22 Expenditure Report, Preschool Enrollment, Considerations for OES in Fire Station Feasibility Study, Continued Discussion on Preliminary Concept for Fire Station Expansion (Q&A), Minutes of January 24, 2022

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