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PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
North Pembroke Elementary School Library
7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mr. Tropeano called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present from Administration: Mrs. Erin Obey, Interim Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Director of Teaching & Learning and Jessica Duncanson, Director of Student Services

Present from Committee: Michael Tropeano, Chair; Paul Bosworth, Vice Chair; Ginny Wandell, Secretary; Patrick Chilcott
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors

Mr. Tropeano welcomed the audience and asked if anyone wished to speak. No one wished to speak

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Communications

Mr. Tropeano said there is a request for the annual Town Reports.

Approval of Bill Schedule

Bills were circulated for committee approval.

Consideration of Approval: School Committee Minutes of December 15, 2015

VOTE: On a motion made by Paul Bosworth and seconded by Patrick Chilcott, it was unanimously voted to approve the school committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Paul Bosworth, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

DECA Presentation

Mrs. Obey said three students of the 25 students that qualified for states are here tonight to talk about DECA. Mrs. Gates introduced herself as the DECA Advisor and said when the club started three years ago there were 25 members and this year there are 86. The students explained that DECA competes at the district, state and international levels. They described what a competition entails and said it is really fun and a great opportunity to make friends. Mrs. Gates said 25 students will be going to the State

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competition in March. She said from there is the International competition in Tennessee which will have 17, 000 students from across the US.

Update on Pearson enVisionMath2.0: Dr. Catherine Glaude

Mrs. Obey said about forty parents attended the math night. Dr. Glaude showed the committee a video of a math class at Bryantville. Mrs. Russell said math is different than in the past and the first graders are coming up with different strategies to solve the same equation. She said enVision2.0 is allowing students to use strategies that work for them. Mrs. Murphy, a fourth grade teacher at Hobomock, said enVision2.0 allows the teachers to pick and choose what they want the students to do because there is so much available. Mr. Murphy said this program allows the students to solve things a different way and brings a sense of ownership. Mrs. Shadrick, a fifth grade teacher at North, said enVision2.0 is great because it is differentiated for the teachers so they can pull out what is needed. She added that the students are enjoying it and are engaged. Mrs. Palenstijn said she is a first year teacher at North and said she has learned so much about enVision2.0 during the recent math professional development day. Mrs. McFadyen, a sixth grade teacher at North, said what she likes most about enVision2.0 is the amount of flexibility to find out what works best for each teaching style. She added that the multiple strategies for problem solving is great. Mrs. Obey said there will be more professional development for teachers surrounding enVision2.0. Mr. Tropeano suggested supplying parents with tutorials so that they can understand the new program. Mr. Bosworth questioned bandwidth capacity as the students are working more online. Mrs. Obey said Mr. Doyle is working with the elementary schools to figure out the best places for the hotspots. She added that there is a computer based center in each of the upper grades of the elementary schools. Mr. Chilcott asked how this elementary math program will tie into middle and high school and Dr. Glaude said Mr. Duffy works with the elementary principals monthly and he believes the students will be more successful at the secondary level having had this program in K-6. Mrs. Wandell said continual parental communication about the program is a good idea.

Selection of Representatives for Superintendent Search Committee

Mr. Tropeano said the pool of candidates is very strong. Mrs. Obey said the three teachers are Lynn Place from PHS, Kathie Adams from Bryantville and Meghan Crehan from Hobomock. The Administrators are Jessica Duncanson and Michael Murphy.

Mr. Chilcott said Mrs. Scroggins couldn't be here but wanted to support Tom Hogan and Jim Agnew for parent spots on the committee. He said she also supports James Porter for the community spot.

Mr. Bosworth chose Kathy Chandler. Mrs. Wandell chose Mr. Porter and Mrs. Chandler. Mr. Chilcott chose Mr. Porter and said Mrs. Chandler was his second choice. Mrs. Wandell said there are eight educators in the pool. The committee set aside Mr. Porter and Mrs. Chandler as the options.

Mr. Chilcott said Mr. Agnew and Mr. Hogan are his choices. Mr. Bosworth said he chooses Sandra Beaton Small for Bryantville and Mr. Chilcott said he choose her also. Mr. Bosworth said he supports Mr. Agnew also. Mrs. Wandell said Mrs. Quatrале is her choice for North Pembroke. Mr. Bosworth said he chose Evanthis Bathos and Mrs. Wandell and Mr. Chilcott agreed. The committee decided on:

Sandra Beaton Small – Bryantville
Sarah Quatrале – North
Evanthis Bathos - Hobomock
Thomas Hogan - PCMS
James Agnew - PHS

Mr. Chilcott said he highlighted Mr. Goodman and Mrs. Dahlquist as both are very involved in the community and their children went through the entire system. Mr. Chilcott said Mrs. Scroggins choices were Mrs. Bathos, Mrs. Quatrале, Mrs. Small, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Agnew and Lance Kennedy.

Mr. Tropeano said the appointment of the community member can wait until the end of the meeting.

VOTE: On a motion made by Paul Bosworth and seconded by Patrick Chilcott, it was unanimously voted to appoint to the superintendent search committee Sandra Beaton Small representing Bryantville, Sarah Quatralle representing North Pembroke, Thomas Hogan representing PCMS, Evanthia Bathos representing Hobomock and James Agnew representing PHS.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Paul Bosworth, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

Mrs. Wandell said she would like to let the people that did not get chosen for the search committee know they should continue their involvement. Mr. Tropeano said a lot of people were interested but couldn't participate on the committee because of time restraints.

Update on Superintendent Search: Jim Hardy, MASC

Mr. Hardy said the advertisement in Education Week ran for nine days. He said there are six completed applications on file as of now. He said five are Central Office personnel and one is a principal. They are made up of a sitting Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, two former Superintendents and an Assistant Director of Adult Ed. He said four of the six candidates are in state. He said the search committee will receive the applications via email after the closing of the posting on 1/29. Mr. Hardy explained that historically the applications come in on the last couple of days. He said the m

Mr. Chilcott said he chooses Mr. Porter as the community member. He said with all the teachers on the committee that another business person should be on the committee. Mr. Bosworth said he suggests Kathy Chandler. Mrs. Wandell said Mr. Porter has world experience and it will bring another perspective so she has decided to choose him. Mr. Tropeano confirmed that Mrs. Scroggins chose Mr. Porter also. Mr. Bosworth said he will defer to the committee.

VOTE: On a motion made by Patrick Chilcott and seconded by Ginny Wandell, it was unanimously voted to appoint James Porter as the community at-large member of the superintendent search committee.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Paul Bosworth, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

Discussion of future meeting dates and topics

Mrs. Obey said there is a lot of items on the agenda for the next meeting and Mr. Tropeano suggested spreading the items out over the next few meetings. The next meetings will be 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9. Mr. Bosworth asked for the technology plan before the budget meetings.

VOTE: At 8:50, on a motion made by Patrick Chilcott and seconded by Ginny Wandell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Paul Bosworth, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

APPROVED: February 9, 2016

MOTIONS

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Abstaining: none

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