



**PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**  
**North Pembroke Elementary School Library**  
**7:30PM**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Tropeano called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Present from Administration:** Mrs. Erin Obey, Superintendent; and Marybeth Brust, Director of Teaching & Learning

**Present from Committee:** Michael Tropeano, Chair; Patrick Chilcott, Secretary and Ginny Wandell

**Absent:** Suzanne Scroggins and Paul Bosworth

**Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors**

Mr. Tropeano welcomed the audience.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

Addition of gift to PHS Music Department.

**Approval of Bill Schedule**

Bills were circulated for committee approval.

**Communications**

None

**Consideration of Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2015**

VOTE: On a motion made by Patrick Chilcott and seconded by Ginny Wandell, it was unanimously voted to approve the regular school committee meeting minutes of May 25, 2016 as presented.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and Paul Bosworth

**Recognition of Retirees**

Mr. Tropeano presented plaques to Dr. Joseph Arsenault, Diane Holbrook, Jane Byron and David Summergrad to recognize them for their years of service to Pembroke Public Schools. Mrs. Falkner was not present at the meeting but was also recognized. Mrs. Szostak was presented with a clock for her years of services. She said she can't put into words the experiences she has had in the district and said she will always carry Pembroke in her heart. Mr. Tropeano said this group of teachers shows the dedication and caring that Pembroke school district has and it is a tribute to everyone from administrators to teachers.

**OUR MISSION:** To ensure student achievement through excellence in teaching and learning.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Technology Update

Mrs. Obey said she was hoping to bring forth recommendations from the technology audit but it ran into a delay. She explained there were connection issues at the beginning causing a delay in the technology survey being released. In addition, there have been limited responses to the survey which is surprising considering the level of frustration around technology. She said the responses were around connectivity issues, classroom/in building support and platform choice (Microsoft vs. Google). She added that time will be spent this summer looking into Google and teachers are looking forward to Google as a platform choice. She added that money and time was spent on Microsoft so it will have to be looked into to see if it is worth changing. Mrs. Brust said the district can do both as other districts do. Mr. Tropeano said there needs to be consistency for the students and the district has to be careful it doesn't become too much and too difficult. Mr. Chilcott said if the technology doesn't work such as connectivity problems than it doesn't matter what platform is being used. He asked what has to be done in the buildings to fix the connectivity issues. Mrs. Obey said additional hot spots are needed at the elementary level and at the secondary level there is a philosophical difference on what BYOD is. Mr. Tropeano asked for penetration test of network and Mr. Chilcott said this is a good start and asked if it will lead us to amend our hardware plan. Mrs. Obey said her plan is to bring more information to the October school committee meeting and Mr. Tropeano suggested it be brought sooner in the event an article is needed for fall Town meeting. The committee agreed on September. Mr. Tropeano asked about staffing at peak times and Mrs. Obey said this is a collective bargaining issue but with negotiations going on now it can be talked about. She added that technology is one of three focus areas identified by administrators for summer work. The plan is to cover inventory of strengths, inventory of weaknesses and administrative summer work foci. Mrs. Obey said the need it there for stipend positions at buildings in order to provide tech support. Mr. Chilcott said there is the concern of work being done during school day and Mrs. Obey said some classroom release time would be needed.

### enVision Math Update

Dr. Glaude said from an administrator's point of view it has been an impressive year watching how dedicated people have been since the materials arrived. She said the teachers have a great grasp on how to do a workshop model and she is very proud. Mrs. Shadrick said she teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade and they have grown to love envision. She said the vocabulary was different than they are used to and the assessments were difficult at the start but students have gotten better. She added that working on pacing for next year is needed. Mr. Tropeano asked if summer work for students will be different and Mrs. Shadrick said the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have a packet to send home for summer. Dr. Glaude said she is looking for a technology piece for the summer in order for the students to get immediate feedback. Mrs. Drolet said this year it was more school specific to the students and next year will include more consistency across the schools. Mr. Tropeano asked about PD this summer and Mrs. Brust said work will be done with Mr. Duffy around fluency. Dr. Glaude said one PD day at the beginning of year will allow group work. Mr. Tropeano asked how many people will be working in the same direction and Mrs. Brust said close to 100 staff that in addition to PD days, will come back together to work as a group. Mr. Chilcott asked if Pearson can be used as the technology piece and Mrs. Shadrick said North Pembroke still uses Study Island. Mr. Murphy said Pearson representatives were present during PD and it was helpful. Mrs. Morris said it was overwhelming in the beginning and the Pearson reps lead them through. She added that students are finding there is not just one right way to solve a problem. Mrs. Raiche said in first grade there has been less hand holding with homework. Dr. Glaude said she was excited with the Math fair that was held because 100% of parents attended to see what their children learned this year. Mr. Tropeano asked if teachers are seeing the benefits of enVision in other classes. Mrs. Shadrick said she has seen students offering their advice on corrections. Mrs. Obey asked if any of the teachers have used the STEM piece yet and they said their plan is to use it next year. Mr. Tropeano asked what is next and Mrs. Brust said there is an enVision product for grades 7 and 8 along with a couple of others that will be looked at next year which will lead to a recommendation

for the following year. Mrs. Obey said product being used now in grades 7 and 8 is a Pearson product in order to maintain continuity from elementary to middle school. Mrs. Wandell said it is exciting to be able to say to parents you can do this too. She asked if the elementary schools are not doing everything the same this year, what will happen over the summer. Mrs. Obey said the concentration over the summer will be around recommended minutes of work and be the same across the schools. Mrs. Wandell said it sounds like there is plan coming together for summer. Mrs. Obey said it was amazing to see the amount of vocabulary the students were using as early as November.

Consideration of Acknowledgement: Town Memorial Day Committee gift to PHS Music

Mrs. Obey said the Town Memorial Day Committee donated \$1000 to the PHS Music Department.

VOTE: On a motion made by Ginny Wandell and seconded by Patrick Chilcott, it was unanimously voted to acknowledge the Town Memorial Day Committee gift of \$1000 to the PHS Music Department.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and Paul Bosworth

**Subcommittee Reorganization**

Tabled until next meeting.

VOTE: At 8:30 PM, on a motion made by Ginny Wandell and seconded by Patrick Chilcott, it was unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to a personal service contract as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair.

Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Ginny Wandell and Patrick Chilcott

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and Paul Bosworth

**APPROVED: July 12, 2016**

**MOTIONS**

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