

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

November 14, 2006

Present: D. Harvey, J. Quinn, C. Cady, P. Desilets, I. Scott, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, Mrs. Blaess-Principal

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School library.

II. Executive Session – None Planned.

III. Minutes – The minutes from the October 10, 2006 meeting were reviewed. C. Cady made motion to make a correction in the minutes pertaining to the Spanish position and wanting an addition made to the minutes that the position is a one year position. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections made by C. Cady, seconded by Quinn 5-0 approved.

IV. Bills and Payroll - presented by G. Augustus motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$158,629.66 was made by C. Cady, seconded by P. Desilets 5-0 approved.

V. Spotlight on Excellence: Eighth grade camping trip, Mr. Fennessey and students presented highlights of the camping trip.

VI. Personnel Matters – Mrs. Blaess requested the appointment of Karin Nocera, part-time teacher assistant for a one year position.

Motion was made by P. Desilets, seconded by J. Quinn 5-0 approved.

VII. Discussion Items –

a. Two monthly budget report formats were presented by G. Augustus. The report will be presented at each school committee meeting. A decision was made to accept both report formats and each will be presented monthly in addition to a detailed budget report.

b. The mathematics curriculum was presented by F. Blaess. The Investigations Math Program was discussed with statistics of success reported in area schools. C. Cady feels a back to basics supplement should also be provided in addition to the Investigations Program. P. Desilets thinks a study of available programs in all educational areas should be done before committing to any program. A decision was made to revisit this issue at the next meeting.

c. Student transition to Portsmouth High School was presented by F. Blaess. An examination was made of a full year of student grades which reveals consistent averages for Little Compton students in relations to all students at Portsmouth High School. Attendance and tardiness had a direct correlation to a student's success at PHS. J. Quinn made a motion for the administration of Little Compton Schools to make an action plan to address attendance and tardiness. C. Cady seconded 4-0 approved. D. Harvey left meeting.

VIII. Action Items –

a. Award of Bid: Fire alarm system was awarded to Messinger

Security Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$54,900.00. C. Cady made motion to accept the bid award. J. Quinn seconded. 4-0 approved.

b. School Study Committee: Superintendent recommended that the school committee vote to create School Study Committee. Motion made by P. Desilets to table this decision for next meeting. Seconded by I. Scott. 4-0 approved.

c. Chairman to Sign Warrants: Vote to affirm authority of Chairman to sign warrants. Motion made P. Desilets to table decision till next meeting. Seconded by J. Quinn. 4-0 approved.

IX. Public Input

– A request for the school committee minutes to be posted on the school website.

-A request by Mrs. MacGregor for staff input to the math program when a committee is formed to investigate a new and/or supplement program.

X. Correspondence – presented.

XI. Information – presented.

XII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by C. Cady seconded by J. Quinn 4-0 approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Fiscal Clerk