



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 5:30 pm
Edgartown School Library and Via Zoom

AGENDA

Please note: Some business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.

- I. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2024**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Principal's Search Process
 - C. Student Support Services Update
- IV. Principal's Report**
 - A. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
 - B. FY26 School Budget; Warrant Article for ATM
 - C. Outdoor Learning Campus Update; Mike Owen, OPM, CHA
 - D. Personnel; Resignation
 - E. Upcoming Events
- V. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure and Fund Balance Reports
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- VIII. Adjournment**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Edgartown School Committee Minutes
5:30 pm Tuesday, January 8, 2025
Edgartown School library and via Zoom

ESC Members Present:

Chair Kelly Scott
Member Kristin Brown
Member Sara Murphy

Staff:

John Stevens Principal
Deb Debettencourt Assistant Principal
Dr. Richard Smith Superintendent
Mark Friedman Business Administrator
Hope MacLeod Student Support
Gina Debettencourt

Others:

Mike Owen- Project Executive, CHA
Andrew Kelly - Edgartown Parks
David Warner - AS:A, President Warner Larson
Citizen: Justine Deoliveira

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order 5:30 pm
(Recorder's note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

Playground update:

Andy:
There will be a public information event for community input
Things will begin this spring for K-2 playground
Parks side can have shareable space with the school

Chair Kelly requests transparency of the process

David:

Two projects will come together for the most value. Shared space will be valuable to the residents of Edgartown.
Pause caused stress, so we will be meeting with parks and school. We will then come back and share that process in a transparent and public way.
We will need to come to consensus on the shared components within budget.

Share info on website

John: As soon as conceptual drawings are complete we can post.
Gina Debettencourt asks to fast track information due to money already given.
Scott: we should be able to have some kind of a public meeting
Mike thanks us for our patience and trust.

I. Approval of minutes from December 10, 2024

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING 3 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS

II PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President-via zoom

Really great meetings- Approved 4 teacher grants
Supporting musical/literacy/math night/seemore bones(skeleton)
Next meeting January 21, 2:45 pm
Items to discuss: Dunk tank, possible fundraisers
Richie: Asks favor for PTA rep on search committee-would love it to be Brooke. Brooke agrees.

III Superintendent's Report

A. General update

Richie agrees to transparency for playground
High school-renovation is on 3rd of 8 modules -Mass building authority- reimbursement program 30%
Gone through mod 1 and mod 2
Next is to Tap A design architect
Mike OPM :
Mod 3 is feasibility study- visioning -full staff involvement
From that designers create PDP It had multiple renditions of addition, new, reno 15 renditions possible cost of 400 million dollars
Preliminary schematic report to narrow down all options. PSR by May 30. Once we get approval from the School building committee. Committee is 25 members. That committee will advise architects
Mod 4 design of actual building- more refinement of design. Go to next spring's town meetings.
There are 8 total modules. Completion Fall of 29/30
Mark: nothing certain -following spring
Negotiations- Negotiations are every three years.

B. Principal's Search Process

Posted position Dec 18 and will remain open to Jan 28
28 members of committee
Will be soliciting input from community and staff

First meeting by zoom to discuss the process. Members can start looking at applicants immediately

Will meet on January 28 and consider applicants

Will decide who to invite for interviews

Interviews Feb 4-6 , each about 30 min long

From that pool we will choose in person candidates who will be narrowed to 2-3 finalists to day long visits. Interviews/meetings.

A couple of candidates whose schools we will visit will be selected from the in person interviews.

C. Student Support Services Update-Hope

All going well

IV Principals report

A. Good news Deb

School play is up and running, Matilda Jr. 19 students in the cast.

Show date March 14

Red stocking bazaar long standing tradition was held/ \$2,500 raised goes to red stocking fund

Older buddies went with younger to help them "shop"

Teachers donated \$500 for books

Old fish tank room converted to new SRO Room

Access testing of 80 students ELL has begun

5 ELL teachers working on that

Math night is Wednesday, Jan 22 for younger grades with families. Students and families will enjoy pizza and activities

Richie may need to reschedule his meeting for principal search due to conflicts of committee members involved in Math night

***FY26 School Budget Warrant Article for ATM**

Special education stabilization fund

Residential tuition/state emergency fund

School and town are obligated to pay remainder

Mark: met with attorneys

Asking for addition to budget

Request for stabilization fund and \$128,000

We voted last meeting and don't have to revote

Looking at alternatives and comments that we received at the last meeting and following up with town hall with new proposed language

It is essentially the same as would appear in town meeting . What we are recommending is to submit a warrant article spring 2025 special town meeting.(see document)

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO SUBMIT WARRANT ARTICLE FOR INCLUSION ON THE WARRANT FOR THE TOWN'S SPRING 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$120,000.00 FROM FREE CASH TO BE PLACED IN THE TOWN'S SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO THE G.L. c 40 S.13E OR, IF SUCH SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, SUCH SUM TO BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING APPROPRIATION TO THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, OR TAKE ANY ACTION RELATIVE THERETO. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Personnel: Resignation

Connie Leuenberger

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE RESIGNATION OF MS LEUENBERGER
3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

D. Upcoming events

- a. Math night January 22nd geometry focus
- b. SAC Meeting 14th and 28th School improvement plan
- c. 15th January professional development ½ day-Staff driven
- d. Asks approval to go on 7th grade ski trip. 36 students to gunstock Most kids have never been skiing more than any other year.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE 7TH GRADE TRIP TO GUNSTOCK MOUNTAIN

- e. Project 351 January March 25
State invites and 8th grader from each of the 351 communities in the commonwealth for a day of community building
Lead by Politicians community leaders
Students create a community project of their own.
Italo Fernandes picked by 7/8 teachers
- f. Junior high play-Matilda
- g. 5th grade musical-February 7 1:45
- h. 8th grade auction-February 7 at the PA Club
- i. Movie Sunday Sonic 3-8th grade fundraiser

V. Finance report

Fund balance report

Funding for outdoor learning campus split between fund 308 (Community preservation fund) Fund 501 and fund 502

Fund 307 will grow

In a pause with spending until the town catches up.

Revolving lunch fund from 400- in a good place. We are about a month behind in state reimbursements

School choice fund 401 Balance of \$229,000 Small deposits represents 3 students in the School choice program. \$5000 per student

Expense Report:

General fund expenditures

How this has changed from 2 months ago. Very little change which is to be expected.

Getting to more predictable stage

Negative variances, numbers in parentheses Represent projections of overages

Numbers not in parentheses represent funds remaining

Little has changed we are pretty stable

Some negative variances that come up in every school

Substitutes: Spending as expected

Residential tuitions- looking for the state to open applications circuit breaker extraordinary relief
Will request the remainder at town meeting.

Brown Questions Dental adjustments:

Mark: Represents school district offers health and dental insurance at certain percentages.

Policies vary town to town. We need to budget here for something more.

VI Public comment

VII Schedule next meeting

February 5 12:00-1:30 Zoom Reserve conference room

VIII ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY AND MS BROWN THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 6:47 PM