PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Town Hall
100 Center Street, Pembroke

Call to Order
Mr. Chilcott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present from Administration: Mrs. Erin Obey, Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Duncanson, Director of Student Services.

Present from Committee: Patrick Chilcott, Chair; James Agnew, Secretary, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors
Mr. Chilcott welcomed the visitors.

Adjustments to the Agenda
None

Approval of Bill Schedule
Bills were circulated electronically for committee approval.

Communications
John Brown-Letter to Representatives regarding funding
Mr. Chilcott introduced selectman John Brown. Mr. Brown said he is here because he wrote a joint letter representing the Selectmen and School Committee. He said stand-alone schools like Pembroke and Duxbury do not get funding for vocational and special education students like regional districts. He said the House added another $5m in funding but not for non-regional schools. Mr. Tropeano said the school committee has written letters to Representative Cutler and Senator deMacedo in past years asking for reimbursement of vocational transportation and has asked for money for special education transportation to go into the Circuit Breaker funding. Mr. Tropeano said transportation costs can be close to tuition costs and adding in the cost of transportation puts the district close or at the Circuit Breaker reimbursement threshold. Mr. Chilcott said signing a joint letter can't hurt and he added that the district does not generally benefit from the increase in Circuit Breaker funding. Mr. Brown said the school committee asked to work together to find money back in August and said he would like to include surrounding districts like Duxbury and Plymouth. Mr. Tropeano suggested reviewing the numbers in the letter to be sure they are right and amend them if necessary.

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to accept the letter as presented by Selectman John Brown with the caveat of confirming the numbers.
Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

VOTE: At 7:12PM, on a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by Michael Tropeano, it was unanimously voted to adjourn with business to be done after the Public Hearing on School Choice.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

VOTE: At 7:53PM, on a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to re-enter the regular school committee meeting.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

**Approval of Bill Schedule**

Bills were sent out for electronic signatures.

**Consideration of Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2nd**

VOTE: On a motion made by James Agnew and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to approve the school committee meeting minutes of April 2, 2019 as presented.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Consideration of First Read: 2019-2020 School Year Calendar**

Mrs. Obey presented the calendar. She pointed out the Election Day on November 5th and said it is not a presidential election, so she does not suggest closing school. She added that after discussion with some elementary teachers, she suggests moving the close of grades K-6 grades from November 27th to November 20th.

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2019-2020 school year calendar as amended as a first read.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

**Consideration of First Read and Approval: PCMS Program of Studies**
Mrs. Obey presented the full document and summary of the changes and course proposals. Mrs. McGarrigle explained she would like to shift Literacy from a daily class to every other day. She said she would also like to shift Math Foundations to every other day. She said she is recommending an elective delivery shift by having electives meet by term and run 4-6 days. She said they will still run 30 days but not require additional teaching planning days.

Vote: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2019-2020 PCMS Program of Studies as presented as a first read as presented.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

Virtual School Update
Rescheduled to another meeting.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics
5/7 and 5/14 will be a quick meeting before Town Meeting.
Mr. Chilcott thanked Mr. Tropeano and Mrs. Wandell for helping him over his 12 years on the school committee. He thanked all members for being collaborative. Mr. Tropeano said it has been a pleasure serving with Mr. Chilcott and of all the people he has served with, Mr. Chilcott has been the most passionate. He added that PPS is truly better for the footprint he has left.

Vote: At 8:21PM, on a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by Michael Tropeano, it was unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Contracts and a legal matter since an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair. Further business will be discussed.

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APPROVED:

MOTIONS

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