

Penobscot School Committee Meeting
*** 5:30 PM Interviews**
Monday – February 13, 2012
6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Penobscot Community School
Minutes

A. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Jerry Markley followed by the salute to the flag.
Members Present: Jerry Markley, Jody Norton, Jennifer Pert, Anne Hayes-Grillo

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Allen Cole, James Goodman, Jamie MacNair, Anne Berleant, reporter for
The Penobscot Bay Press, Irving Faunce

- Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the Purpose of Appointment of Public Officials
A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Jenny Pert, to enter into an executive session per
1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of an appointment of public officials with the board,
Mark Hurvitt and James Goodman. Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 5:32 p.m. Time Out: 5:40 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Anne Hayes-Grillo, seconded by Jennifer Pert
to appoint James Goodman to finish out Karrie Prescott's term on the school board.

Motion passed 4-0.

B. Flag Salute

- The regular meeting began at 5:44 p.m.

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Jenny Pert, to approve the minutes of the
January 5, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
2. A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Jenny Pert, to approve the minutes of the
January 9, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
3. A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Jenny Pert, to approve the minutes of the
January 19, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Communications

None

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Jenny Pert, seconded by Anne Hayes-Grillo, to approve the agenda as
presented. Motion passed 4-0.

F. Comments and Questions from the Public

None

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G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None
2. Principal's Report – Allen Cole reported on pre-school details. He shared a letter detailing a meeting about a proposed Narramissic Charter School from a group from Orland.
3. Superintendent's Report – Mark Hurvitt previewed the 8th grade class trip to Boston. This will be on the March meeting agenda for board approval. He noted that Luki Hewitt was getting a lot of approval for volunteers at PCS. Mr. Hurvitt noted that the PenBrook girls won the GSA tournament. He commented on state subsidy numbers. He also informed the board that the U93 email system will be taken down over February vacation. He informed the board that the budget committee is not in favor of pre-school. He requested that the April 9th board meeting be moved to 5:00 p.m. because of a 7:00 p.m. meeting in Surry. The board agreed.
4. Other Reports
 - a. Penobscot School Discussion Group Update
At the last meeting there were five people and the discussion was on charter schools and school choice.

H. Old Business

1. Parking Lot Project Update
No new information to report.

I. New Business

1. A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Anne Hayes-Grillo, to acknowledge receipt of the "Penobscot School Department Lunch Program Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2012." Motion passed 4-0.
2. A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Anne-Hayes Grillo, to acknowledge receipt of the "Penobscot Elementary School Student Activity & Principal's Funds Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010." Motion passed 4-0.
3. A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Anne Hayes-Grillo, to acknowledge receipt of the "Town of Penobscot, Maine School Department Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011." Motion passed 4-0.
4. Get Ready for Town Meeting
Same organization as last year. Education articles are first on March 6th at 7:00 p.m.
5. Discussion of Policy 5900 Animals In Schools –
Jerry Markley brought up this policy. He had a concern that having animals in school would promote allergies. The board agreed that the current policy #5900 (1999) needed to be reworked. It should be applied on a case-by-case basis. Allen Cole and Mark Hurvitt will work on a new draft, in light of this discussion for the March meeting. Continued on page 3.

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I. New Business (continued)

6. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 § (6)(F) Review of Confidential Records

A motion was made by Jody Norton, seconded by Jennifer Pert, to enter into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 404 § (6)(F) Review of Confidential Records with the Board, Mark Hurvitt, Allen Cole and Irving Faunce.

Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 6:22 p.m. Time Out: 7:04 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Jennifer Pert, seconded by Anne Hayes-Grillo, to initiate a meeting with Mr. Faunce, Allen Cole, Middle School parents, and Middle School students in mid-March with the intention of reinstating the student visiting program at the Penobscot Nursing Home.

Motion passed 4-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

None

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Jerry Markley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools