

**JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Union #61 and Tantasqua Regional School Committees**

Meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 2012  
 Library - Tantasqua Junior High School

Mr. Valanzola and Mrs. Barnicle convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Members rose to salute the flag.

<u><b>Brimfield</b></u>	<u><b>Sturbridge</b></u>	<u><b>Tantasqua</b></u>
Aimee Campbell* April Frost*	Kate Alexander* Pat Barnicle* Mary Bellezza* Megan Panek	Sharron Austin Pat Barnicle Karen Blasco James Cooke James Ehrhard Howard Fife Michelle Fitzgerald Thaddeus France Gary Galonek Elias Gillen William Gillmeister William Haggerty Lawrence Mandell Sheila Noyes-Miller Beth Tichy Michael Valanzola Susan Waters
<u><b>Brookfield</b></u> Sharron Austin* Donald Faugno*	<u><b>Wales</b></u> Karen Blasco* Ed Boyce*	
<u><b>Holland</b></u> Elias Gillen* Laurence Mandell*		

\* voting members

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Brimfield: Deborah Maher, Sharon Palmer, Dan Valcour\*  
 Brookfield: Barbara Wilson\*  
 Holland: Steven Anderstrom, Molly Cummings, Eric Iller\*  
 Sturbridge: Kristen Tuohey  
 Wales: Christine Randall, Susan Hubbell\*, Lynne Serrenho  
 Tantasqua: Dan Valcour

**ALSO PRESENT**

Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Business Finance; and audience.

**1. MINUTES**

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-69:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to accept the minutes of June 19, 2012 as presented.

**Union 61 - Motion 12-18:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to accept the minutes of

June 19, 2012, with the following amendments:

1. Show Pat Barnicle as Sturbridge's voting member rather than M. Panek

Mr. Valanzola asked if there were objections to the friendly amendment to show Pat Barnicle as Sturbridge's voting member rather than M. Panek. Hearing no objections, the change was accepted.

VOTE          Union #61:    In Favor      (7)  
   Abstained:    (2) Frost, Gillen

VOTE          Tantasqua:    In Favor      (17)

## 2. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

### **Tantasqua - Motion 12-70:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to accept the Joint Meeting Executive Session minutes of June 19, 2012 as presented.

### **Union 61 - Motion 12-19:**

Mr. Boyce motioned, seconded by Ms. Blasco, to accept the Joint Meeting Executive Session minutes of June 19, 2012 as presented.

VOTE:          Tantasqua    In Favor      (17)

VOTE          Union #61:    In Favor      (7)  
   Abstained:    (2) Frost, Gillen

## 3. PROPOSED FY2014 CALENDAR

### **Tantasqua - Motion 12-71:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the proposed FY2014 Calendar.

### **Union 61 - Motion 12-20:**

Mr. Boyce motioned, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, to approve the proposed FY2014 Calendar.

Discussion - Members questioned why the school year was beginning before Labor Day. Dr. Nosek indicated that because the Christmas holiday falls mid-week, it was not recommended to hold school just on Monday of that week; therefore the holiday break will be longer than typical.

VOTE:          Tantasqua:    All in Favor

VOTE:          Union #61:    All in Favor

## 4. CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

### **Tantasqua - Motion 12-72:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Blasco, to approve the FY2014 Central Office Budget as presented.

**Union 61 - Motion 12-21:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to approve the FY2014 Central Office Budget as presented.

VOTE: Tantasqua All in Favor  
VOTE: Union #61 All in Favor

Enrollment Data

Mr. Galonek questioned why the school choice numbers are higher than the vote taken by the Tantasqua committee with approximately 10% of the student base being school choice. Mrs. Boyd indicated that from 9<sup>th</sup> grade up, students who move out of the district are provided the opportunity to remain in the Tantasqua system as a school choice student. Mr. Valanzola asked that discussions related to school choice be sent to the Budget Subcommittee (Tantasqua) for review and study.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-73:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to accept the Superintendent's Goals 2012-2013 as presented.

Mr. Cooke indicated he would be proposing amendments to the Superintendent's Goals and distributed his written suggested changes to all committee members.

NOTE: DIP = District Improvement Plan

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-74:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to amend Goal #1 as follows:  
(1) Become well informed regarding New Educator Evaluation System and establish **written** procedures for effective implementation of the New Educator Evaluation System for **administrators and teachers in Union 61 and Tantasqua school districts**. (DIP Goal #1, #2) Completion date: June 2013.

NOTE: Changes in bold

**Union 61 - Motion 12-22:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Ms. Blasco, to accept the Superintendent's Goals 2012-2013 as presented.

**Union 61 - Motion 12-23:**

Mr. Gillen motioned, seconded by Mrs. Blasco, to amend Goal #1 as follows:  
(1) Become well informed regarding New Educator Evaluation System and establish **written** procedures for effective implementation of the New Educator Evaluation System for **administrators and teachers in Union 61 and Tantasqua school districts**. (DIP Goal #1, #2) Completion date: June 2013.

NOTE: Changes in bold

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cooke indicated that state guidelines indicate that Superintendent's goals should be challenging, concrete, measurable and address high priorities for

students. He indicated his amendments are not trying to change the intent of the goals, but to clarify the language and provide measurable outcome evidence. Mr. Valanzola noted that the Superintendent's goals must be mutually agreed upon by all - the Tantasqua Committee, Union #61 and the Superintendent. There was extensive discussion.

VOTES to amend the original motion

Tantasqua In Favor (3); Opposed (13) Motion Fails

Union #61 All Opposed Motion Fails

Return to original motions (T #12-73, U #12-22).

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-75:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to amend Goal #2 of the original motion as follows:

(2) Identify areas in the new State Curriculum Standards that differ from current curriculum and determine if full alignment with the new standards will necessitate additional teacher training and curriculum materials, noting any possible budgetary impact to any schools in the Union or District. (DIP Goal #1) Completion date: June 2013.

**Union 61 - Motion 12-24:**

Mr. Mandell motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillen, to amend Goal #2 of the original motion as follows:

(2) Identify areas in the new State Curriculum Standards that differ from current curriculum and determine if full alignment with the new standards will necessitate additional teacher training and curriculum materials, noting any possible budgetary impact to any schools in the Union or District. (DIP Goal #1) Completion date: June 2013.

DISCUSSION:

There was extensive discussion on the amendment.

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-76:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller to move the question.

**Union 61 - Motion 12-25:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillen, to move the question.

VOTE: Tantasqua All in Favor

VOTE: Union #61 All in Favor

Without further discussion, Mr. Valanzola and Mrs. Barnicle called for a vote on the Motion to amend Goal #2.

VOTE: Tantasqua In Favor (5) Opposed (10) Motion Fails

VOTE: Union #61 In Favor (1) Opposed (10)

Motion Fails

Return to original motions (T #12-73, U #12-22).

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-77:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to amend the original motion by adding the Goal #7 listed in his handout, as follows:

Develop an action plan to boost MCAS scores at the Junior High to ensure that all students in the class of 2017 and 2018 and beyond pass their MCAS tests to graduate high school on time. (DIP Goal #1) Deadline: June 2013

**Union 61 - Motion 12-26:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mr. Mandell, to amend the original motion by adding the Goal #7 listed in his handout, as follows:

Develop an action plan to boost MCAS scores at the Junior High to ensure that all students in the class of 2017 and 2018 and beyond pass their MCAS tests to graduate high school on time. (DIP Goal #1) Deadline: June 2013

DISCUSSION:

There was extensive discussion.

VOTE: Tantasqua In Favor (5) Opposed (10) Abstained (1) Motion Fails

VOTE: Union #61 In Favor (1) Opposed (10) Motion Fails

Return to original motions (T #12-73, U #12-22).

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-78:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Dr. Waters, to amend the original motion by adding the Goal #8 listed in his handout, as follows:

Review the "Everyday Mathematics" instructional program and make a recommendation as to whether that program of math instruction should be continued, replaced, or modified. (DIP Goal #1) Deadline: June 2013

**Union 61 - Motion 12-27:**

Ms. Bellezza motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillen, to amend the original motion by adding the Goal #8 listed in his handout, as follows:

Review the "Everyday Mathematics" instructional program and make a recommendation as to whether that program of math instruction should be continued, replaced, or modified. (DIP Goal #1) Deadline: June 2013

DISCUSSION:

There was extensive discussion. Dr. Nosek indicated the administration is currently reviewing the Everyday Mathematics program.

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-79:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to move the question.

**Union 61 - Motion 12-28:**

Mr. Boyce motioned, seconded by Mrs. Blasco, to move the question.

VOTE: Tantasqua In Favor (15) Opposed (1)  
VOTE: Union #61 In Favor (10) Opposed (1)

Without further discussion, Mr. Valanzola and Mrs. Barnicle called for a vote on the Motion to add the Goal #8 listed in Mr. Cooke's handout.

VOTE: Tantasqua In Favor (1) Opposed (14) Abstained (1) Motion Fails  
VOTE: Union #61 Opposed (10) Abstained (1) Motion Fails

Return to original motions (T #12-73, U #12-22).

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-80:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Dr. Waters, to strike Goal #5.

Discussion limited to Tantasqua only as there was no corresponding motion made by Union #61. There was extensive discussion on the issue.

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-81:**

Mr. Fife motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to move the question.

VOTE: All in Favor

Without further discussion, Mr. Valanzola called for a vote on Motion 12-80.

VOTE: In Favor (1) Opposed (16) Motion Fails

Return to original motions (T #12-73, U #12-22).

**Union 61 - Motion 12-29:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Ms. Bellezza, to move the question (#12-22).

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-82:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Fife, to move the question (#12-73).

VOTE: Union #61 All in Favor  
VOTE: Tantasqua In Favor (10) Opposed (1)

Without further discussion, Mr. Valanzola and Mrs. Barnicle called for a vote on the original motions (T #12-73, U #12-22).

VOTE: Tantasqua In Favor (11) Opposed (3)  
VOTE: Union #61 All in Favor

**7. ADJOURN**

**Union - Motion 12-30:**

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. for the Union 61 Committee members.

VOTE: All in Favor

**Tantasqua - Motion 12-83:**

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to end the joint portion of the meeting, recess, and then continue as the regular meeting of the Tantasqua Regional School Committee.

VOTE: All in Favor

Mr. Valanzola called a 10 minute recess for the Tantasqua Committee members.