

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Union #61 & Tantasqua Regional School Committees

Meeting of Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Library – Tantasqua Junior High School

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Jennifer Foley *
Michele-Lee Shea *
Rusty Corriveau*

Sturbridge

Kate Alexander *
Mary Bellezza *

Tantasqua

Steven Anderstrom
Patricia Barnicle
Ed Boyce
Megan Cunningham
Michelle Fitzgerald
Gary Galonek
William Haggerty
Erik Iller
Sheila Noyes-Miller
Jacob Ryan
Michele-Lee Shea
Michael Valanzola
Dan Valcour

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham *
Kyle Hill *

Wales

Carolyn Boehne *
Ed Boyce
Cindy Lena *
Christine Randall *

Holland

Steven Anderstrom *
Erin Carson
Elias Gillen *
Erik Iller*

*Denotes Union 61 voting members

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brimfield: Delia Brower, Jennifer Custance
Brookfield: Brian Oxman
Holland: Jennifer LaFauci
Sturbridge: Jeanine Johnson, Megan Panek, Kristen Tuohey
Wales: Michael Cizik
Tantasqua: Sharron Austin, William Gillmeister, Megan Panek, Susan Waters

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

1. MINUTES

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-25

Union #61 Motion #16-01

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2015 as amended.

Amendment: #3- Superintendent Contract motion should read: “.....reevaluate the Superintendent’s **Contract** Evaluation Subcommittee.....”

VOTE - Union #61: In Favor (12), Abstained (1)

- Tantasqua: In Favor (11), Abstained (1)

2. CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-26
Union #61 Motion #16-02

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the Central Office Budget for FY17 at \$1,342,466.00.

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

3. SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-27
Union #61 Motion #16-03

Mr. Boyce moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the 2016-17 School Calendar as presented.

Discussion: Dr. Nosek indicated the calendar may need some adjustments per the state testing schedule (when released).

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

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION & GOALS

Evaluation - Per vote of the Committees, the list of members completing the Superintendent's evaluation was included in the packet.

Goals – Dr. Nosek reviewed the draft goals FY15-16.

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-28
Union #61 Motion #16-04

Mrs. Barnicle moved, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to approve the FY15-16 Superintendent's Goals as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Haggerty noted that he wanted to be sure that goals which meet the needs of average students were included.

Dr. Nosek indicated the MMSI numbers and the higher number of students enrolled in AP courses show that average students are encouraged to challenge themselves.

Mr. Valanzola noted the Subcommittee needs to meet more regularly to review achievements toward goals.

VOTE - Union #61: All in Favor
- Tantasqua: In Favor (11), Abstained (1)

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-29
Union #61 Motion #16-05

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, at 6:21 p.m. to move into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, §21A(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Committee will reconvene in open session for the purpose of voting and adjournment.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES – Alexander, Anderstrom, Barnicle, Bellezza, Boehne, Boyce, Carson, Corriveau, Cunningham, Fitzgerald, Foley, Galonek, Gillen, Haggerty, Hill, Iller, Lena, Noyes-Miller, Randall, Ryan, Shea, Valanzola, Valcour
Dr. Nosek and Mrs. Boyd were asked to be present for Executive Session discussions.

The following motion was taken during and is also posted in the Executive Session minutes.

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-30

Union #61 Motion #16-06

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Ms. Ryan, to move out of Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES – Alexander, Anderstrom, Barnicle, Bellezza, Boehne, Boyce, Carson, Corriveau, Cunningham, Fitzgerald, Foley, Galonek, Gillen, Haggerty, Hill, Iller, Lena, Noyes-Miller, Randall, Ryan, Shea, Valanzola, Valcour

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-31

Union #61 Motion #16-07

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the Contract between the Tantasqua/Union 61 School Committees and Superintendent of Schools for the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020 and to further authorize the Tantasqua and Union 61 Chairs to endorse the contract.

VOTE - Union #61: All in Favor

- Tantasqua: All in Favor

6. OPEN FORUM

Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) – Mr. Haggerty provided an update regarding the review of the Regional Agreement. The 1952 Tantasqua Agreement referenced laws which are no longer on the books. The RAAC has been reviewing the agreement to make it reflective of current laws and practices. With the exception of the membership section which governs the composition of the number of representatives from each of the member towns, the RAAC submitted and received approval (with minor adjustments) from the Commissioner of Education, and is further seeking agreement approval by the member towns at each of the towns' annual meetings. The matter of membership composition may be taken up at another time, but Mr. Haggerty wanted to alert all committee members that the request for a warrant article to amend the Tantasqua Regional Agreement will be submitted to each member town.

7. ADJOURN

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #16-32

Union #61 Motion #16-08

Mr. Boyce moved, seconded by Mrs. Randall, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

VOTE – Union #61: All in Favor

- Tantasqua: All in Favor