

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, April 24, 2013
Junior High School Library

Mrs. Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Thaddeus France
Sheila Noyes-Miller

Sturbridge

James Ehrhard
Michelle Fitzgerald
Gary Galonek
Megan Panek

Holland

Howard Fife
Larry Mandell

Brookfield

William Gillmeister

Beth Tichy

Dr. Susan Waters

Wales

Karen Blasco

NOT PRESENT

Dan Valcour (Brm), Sharron Austin, James Cooke (Bk); Elias Gillen (H);
William Haggerty (S), Michael Valanzola (W)

ALSO PRESENT

Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business; Michael Lucas, High School Principal; Mark Wood, Technical Division Director; Will Katsogridakis and Jacob Ryan, Student Representatives and audience.

Temporary Appointments

Mrs. Boyd indicated that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary were absent for this meeting and the members would need to nominate an Chair pro tem and Secretary pro tem for the meeting. Mrs. Boyd called for nominations for the position of Acting Chair.

Mrs. Noyes-Miller nominated Michelle Fitzgerald for the position of Chair pro tem. Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. Boyd closed nominations and called for a vote.

VOTE: All in Favor

Mrs. Fitzgerald called for nominations for the position of Secretary pro tem. Mrs. Noyes-Miller nominated Mr. Gillmeister for the position of Secretary pro tem. Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. Fitzgerald closed nominations and called for a vote.

VOTE: All in Favor

Outstanding Technical Student Award

Mr. Wood was invited to present the Outstanding Technical Student Award to Courtney Holmes. Mr. Wood reviewed Courtney's outstanding academic achievements and discussed her additional contributions as an outstanding student. The membership offered their congratulations.

1. MINUTES

Motion 13-30:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister to approve the minutes of March 27, 2013.

Mr. Gillmeister offered the following amendment:

Page 4, under Motion 13-20 - change last sentence of the motion as follows:

Based on the explanation, Mr. Gillmeister made a request to withdraw his motion, which was granted by unanimous consent.

Hearing no objections to the amendment, Mrs. Fitzgerald called for a vote to accept the minutes with the change.

VOTE: Carried by Majority (Voice vote)

Motion 13-31:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Fife, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on FY2014 Budget.

VOTE: Carried by Majority (Voice vote)

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

FY2013 Budget - Mrs. Boyd indicated there are no significant issues. At this time there is a freeze on all discretionary spending with hopes to have funds to transfer into E&D at the end of the year.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students - Students reporting on the following:

- Sports updates - tennis, varsity softball, baseball, and lacrosse.
- Culinary Arts
- Student Council hosted Annual Prom Fashion Show
- Student Council - organizing donations for Boston - One Fund.
- Relay for Life - raised over \$30,000
- Technical Division - tours and visits
- Skills USA Competition

b. Budget - No meeting, next meeting is scheduled on May 7th with the Curriculum Subcommittee.

c. Technical - No meeting, no report.

d. Curriculum - No meeting, no report.

e. By-Law & Policy - Mrs. Tichy reviewed the report in the packet.

Motion 13-32:

Mrs. Tichy moved to amend the Special Rules of Order by moving Staff Reports to #3 on the agenda, renumbering the remaining items.

VOTE: All in Favor (NOTE: 2/3rds vote required)

f. Negotiations - Mr. Fife indicated the Subcommittee has come to a tentative agreement with the ESP group and continues to work with the custodians and administrative assistant groups.

g. Building & Physical Plant - No meeting, next meeting is April 29th.

h. Legislative Subcommittee - No meeting, no report.

4. PUBLIC ACCESS I

The members introduced themselves as this was Ms. Panek's first meeting, temporarily appointed to fill the Burgess representative seat vacated by Mrs. Barnicle.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Included in the packet:

- School Resource Officer (SRO) Informational Packet - Mrs. Fitzgerald indicated discussion on the matter of the SRO will be postponed to a future meeting.
- Thank you letter to Mrs. Canavan and Ms. Willard
- Memo from D. Boyd re: Special Rules of Order Recommendations (Joint meetings)

6. STAFF REPORTS - The Committee asked for Mr. Starczewski to further discuss the "Twitter Bug" project (listed in his report) at the next meeting.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Boyd, in Dr. Nosek's absence, reported on the following:

- Training on the teacher evaluation process.
- Graduation and end of year activities.
- Town meetings will be held in May and June - members were encouraged to attend their towns' meetings.
- Day on the Hill is scheduled May 21st - members were asked to notify Deb Grimaldi if they were planning on attending.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments were made.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Policies

Policy AC - Nondiscrimination No action was taken because the policy included in the packet did not include updates made to the Policy. This vote will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Motion 13-33:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Fife, to adopt Policy JLC for second reading.

Motion 13-34:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Mandell, to amend Policy JLC as follows:

- Add the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: This policy shall not be construed to establish a health clinic.

- Under General Services, 4th bullet - add “with parental consultation” after the words: health counseling.

VOTE: Motion Failed (Voice vote)

VOTE (on original Motion 13-33:) Motion adopted (voice vote)

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. OPEN FORUM

12. ADJOURN

Motion 13-35:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Gillmeister, Secretary pro tem

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