

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Junior High School Cafeteria

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Nosek introduced Robert Raymond, Concert Band Director. Typically, the musical presentation is done at the December meeting, but due to the difficult winter weather, the December & January meetings were either cancelled or rescheduled to a time when the band was not available.

Those present enjoyed the presentation. Dr. Nosek thanked Mr. Raymond and the members of the band.

INTRODUCTION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARS

Dr. Nosek introduced the two Superintendent's Scholars by reviewing each student's achievements. Both Maxwell DeCataldo and Karl Finelli attended the luncheon on January 9, 2014 held at Assumption College in Worcester. Dr. Nosek congratulated both the students and their parents on their achievements.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY2015 BUDGET

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent, called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Nosek introduced Mrs. Noyes-Miller, Chair of the Budget Subcommittee.

Mrs. Noyes-Miller noted that the Budget Subcommittee consists of members from each town explaining that she represents Brimfield, William Gillmeister - Brookfield, Howard Fife - Holland, Dr. Susan Waters - Sturbridge and Michael Valanzola - Wales. The subcommittee has held meetings during the past few months at member town locations. She stated that the Committee is presenting a proposed budget that would not force towns into special budget override votes. She indicated the subcommittee needed to make difficult decisions to cut existing items from the budget. She stated that the subcommittee has always tried to present a budget that improved student programs and services, but this budget is a "step backwards". Mrs. Noyes-Miller asked Mrs. Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business, and Dr. Nosek to review the details of the budget proposal.

Mrs. Boyd and Dr. Nosek reviewed the breakdown of where the budget dollars are spent as well as the breakdown of revenues. They discussed the state's projected Chapter 70 support, transportation reimbursements and other revenues and areas of increased expenses. Mrs. Boyd noted that each town's assessment is based on student enrollment, with some towns' assessments being impacted by an enrollment shift.

The administration fielded few questions regarding the budget. Hearing no further questions, Mrs. Noyes-Miller closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m., stating that the full Tantasqua Committee would vote on the budget during their meeting to be convened at 7:00 p.m.