

## TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, April 15, 2014  
Junior High School Library

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag. Mr. Valanzola welcomed newly elected members, Pat Barnicle and Jacob Ryan from Sturbridge.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

#### Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller  
Dan Valcour

#### Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle  
Michelle Fitzgerald  
Gary Galonek  
William Haggerty  
Megan Panek  
Jacob Ryan

#### Holland

Howard Fife  
Larry Mandell

#### Brookfield

William Gillmeister

#### Wales

Edward Boyce  
Michael Valanzola

### NOT PRESENT

Thaddeus France (Bm); Sharron Austin, James Cooke (Bk); Elias Gillen (H); Dr. Susan Waters (S)

### ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business; Michael Lucas, High School Principal, Christopher Starczewski, JH Principal; Mark Wood, Technical Division Director, Grace McHugh and Will Katsogridakis, Student Representatives and audience.

### INTRODUCTION OF MAVA 2014 OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Dr. Nosek introduced John Ingemi as the MAVA 2014 Outstanding Student. She reviewed John's accomplishments during his time at Tantasqua. Mr. Valanzola presented a citation from Senator Brewer in recognition of John's achievements.

### 1. MINUTES

#### **Motion 14-60:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to accept the minutes of March 18, 2014 Regular Session.

VOTE: In Favor (9) Abstained: Fife, Barnicle, Ryan

#### **Motion 14-61:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to accept the Public Hearing minutes of March 18, 2014.

VOTE: In Favor (9) Abstained: Fife, Barnicle, Ryan

## 2. FINANCIAL REPORT & FY2015 BUDGET

Mrs. Boyd reviewed the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2014. At this point there are overages in the utility, insurance and substitute expense lines.

## 3. STAFF REPORTS

NEASC – Core Values & Beliefs – Mr. Valanzola recognized high school teaching staff, Deb McKinstry and Aaron Berthiaume. Mr. Lucas discussed the work done in preparation for the upcoming NEASC visit. He shared a video highlighting students discussing the core values and beliefs of Tantasqua.

Committee members asked whether the video could be shared with local cable television stations, recognizing the staff responsible for putting the piece together.

Sports – Mr. Galonek commented on the size of the Lacrosse team. Mr. Lucas indicated there are two volunteer coaches for the 64 players.

## 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students – Reported on the following activities:

- Technical Program
  - Field Trips:
    - Culinary Arts field trips
    - Computer Program – trip to Brookfield Elementary to work with students and a trip to MIT
    - National Grid training facility
    - Manufacturing to Springfield Community College
    - Carpentry – trade show in RI
  - Construction Program Career Day
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Team Chef Competition with Culinary Students – May 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00-3:00pm, Sturbridge Host
  - Schedule of activities for seniors
  - Sports Updates
  - Music Program trip to Virginia
  - Student Council
    - Elections
    - Walk for Hunger
  - Prom – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Union Station in Worcester
  - Relay for Life

b. Budget

### **Motion 14-62:**

As a recommendation from the Budget Subcommittee, Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to transfer \$408,223 from SH Teacher Salaries, Account #043 to Tech Division Academic Subject Salaries, Account #303.

Discussion: Mrs. Boyd explained that the transfer of funds represents the portion of academic teacher salaries that is spent on vocational students. This shift of expenses is reported to and used by the state to help determine the tech division's out-of-district tuition rate.

VOTE: All in Favor

- c. Technical – No meeting, no report
- d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report.
- e. By-Law & Policy

**Motion 14-63:**

As a recommendation from the By-Law & Policy Subcommittee, Mr. Gillmeister moved to adopt the amendments to Policy JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention and Intervention for First Reading as presented.

Discussion – Mr. Gillmeister indicated the changes were required by current law.

VOTE: All in Favor

- f. Negotiations – No meeting, no report.
- g. Building & Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.
- h. Legislative Subcommittee – No meeting, no report.
- i. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) – No meeting, no report. Mr. Haggerty indicated the Committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**5. PUBLIC ACCESS I – No comments**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS – No comments were made on the two items:**

- SWCEC Quarterly Report
- Letter to Mr. Raymond thanking him and the students for the concert presented prior to the previous meeting.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Superintendent's Goals -
  - Dr. Nosek reminded members that the evidence file to support her accomplishments and work against goals are kept in the office for review.
  - Mr. Valanzola indicated in the previous year, Tantasqua appointed one member from each town and suggested anyone interested in serving on this review committee could email either Dr. Nosek or him.
  - Joint Meeting date – Dr. Nosek suggested holding the Joint Tantasqua/Union #61 Meeting to review the Superintendent's Goals on June 17<sup>th</sup> with the regular Tantasqua meeting to follow.
  - Mr. Valanzola reminded members they will be sent the Superintendent's evaluation forms electronically.
  - Mr. Gillmeister asked that the Tantasqua and Union #61 Chairs review the Special Rules of Order relative to joint meetings.
- Dr. Nosek thanked Mr. Wood for the invitation to the awards luncheon for John Ingemi held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**8. PUBLIC ACCESS II – No comments.**

9. OLD BUSINESS – No comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

**Motion 14-64:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Galonek, that the Tantasqua Regional School Committee resolves to express its disapproval of Representative Gobi's vote to squelch debate on the FY 2015 budget by supporting HB 3999 that would not allow amendments to local aid or Chapter 70 Aid.

**Motion 14-65:**

Mr. Valcour moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to postpone action of the previous motion indefinitely.

**Motion 14-66:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Galonek, to postpone action on Motion #14-64 to the next regularly scheduled Tantasqua School Committee meeting.

VOTE: Voice vote failed, as called by the Chair

VOTE (Mtn #14-65): Voice vote carried, as called by the Chair

PARCC/MCAS – Mr. Gillmeister asked that the following matter be placed on the next meeting agenda: Correspondence to Governor Patrick; Mitchell Chester, National Chair of the PARCC Governing Board; the Attorney General; the Board of Education and the State Ethics Commission regarding the PARCC testing.

11. OPEN FORUM – No comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion 14-67:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharron Austin, Secretary