

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Junior High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller

Dan Valcour

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle

Michelle Fitzgerald \*

William Haggerty

Kristen Leo

Megan Panek

Dr. Susan Waters

Holland

Steve Anderstrom

Wales

Edward Boyce

Michael Valanzola

\* Arrived 7:40 PM

NOT PRESENT

Michele-Lee Shea (Br); William Gillmeister\*\*, Sharron O'Day (Bk); Erik Iller (H); Jacob Ryan, (S)

\*\*Mr. Gillmeister was attending the Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting on behalf of the Ad Hoc Turf Project Committee.

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business; Michael Lucas\*\*\*, SH Principal; Mark Wood, Principal Director – Technical; and Brytni Simmons, Student Representative.

\*\*\* Arrived 7:59 PM

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

RECOGNITION

Dr. Nosek introduced Eric Rousseau as the recipient of the MAVA (Mass Association of Vocational Administrators) Outstanding Student Award. Dr. Nosek spoke of Eric's exemplary accomplishments during his time at Tantasqua. Mr. Valanzola presented the Senate Citation.

Mr. Valanzola recognized outgoing School Committee members, Steve Anderstrom and Ed Boyce.

1. MINUTES

**Motion 16-77:**

Mr. Boyce moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the April 27, 2016 Regular Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (9)  
Abstained (2): Anderstrom, Haggerty

**Motion 16-78:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to approve the April 27, 2016 Executive Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (8)  
Abstained (3): Anderstrom, Haggerty, Panek

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2016 was included in the packet and is without concerns. Mrs. Boyd noted that she expects that the end year balance to be transfer into E&D will be between \$100,000-\$200,000.

**Motion 16-79:**

As a recommendation from the Budget Subcommittee, Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the following transfers:

# / Account	Change to Budgeted Amount	New Budget Amount
100 SH Athletic Salaries	\$ 35,135	\$ 217,000
800 SH Performing Arts Salaries	\$ 8,500	\$ 35,643
045 SH Co-curric Salaries	\$ 17,000	\$47,917
175 JH Teacher Salaries	(\$ 41,435)	\$ 2,799,373
235 JH Athletic Salaries	\$ 2,000	\$ 30,050
177 JH Co-curric Salaries	\$ 7,000	\$ 27,705
800 JH Performing Arts Salaries	\$ 1,800	\$ 17,357
304 Tech Shop Teachers	(\$ 30,000)	\$ 1,095,780
Net Impact to Budget	- 0 -	

VOTE: All in Favor

**Motion 16-80:**

As a recommendation from the Budget Subcommittee, Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the following Technical Division transfers:

# / Account	Change to Budgeted Amount	New Budget Amount
043 SH Teacher Salaries	(\$ 223,627)	\$ 4,498,078
303 Tech Academic Teachers	\$ 223,627	\$ 982,741
Net Impact to Budget	- 0 -	

VOTE: All in Favor

**3. STAFF REPORTS**

It was noted that Mr. Lucas is attending the Brookfield Conservation Commission meeting as it relates to the Turf project.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Students – Brytni Simmons thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve as the Technical Division’s student representative. She discussed the following:
  - Ashley Pope will be the incoming student representative from the Tech Division.
  - Health program / CNA pinning ceremony
  - Culinary Luncheon
- b. Budget – Mrs. Noyes-Miller indicated that the Budget Subcommittee met on May 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the funding for the Field/Turf Project. The Subcommittee’s vote to support the project was two (2) in favor, one (1) opposed and one (1) abstention.

**Motion 16-81:**

As a recommendation from the Budget Subcommittee, Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to spend up to \$75,000 of Summer Camps balance and \$150,000 of School Choice balance towards the synthetic turf project if needed, beyond the \$2.1M borrowing. It is understood these reserve funds would serve as the contingency funds for the project.

DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed the hand-out provided reviewing the anticipated costs, cooperative bid savings and contingency provisions. The hand-out also included anticipated reserves in: school choice, summer caps and E&D accounts.

Timeline: Bids received 5/24/16; if bids come in within the funding requirements, the project could begin on 6/15/16 with a completion date of 9/1/16, punch list completion of 9/15/16.

The Sturbridge Conservation Commission has approved the project, Brookfield Conservation meeting this evening. There are no other permits required.

VOTE: In Favor (9)  
Abstained (1) Panek

c. Technical – Dr. Waters indicated the subcommittee met earlier this evening and discussed the following matters:

- Atlas Program
- Elements of Universal design
- Professional development
- Scope/sequence for honor students
- Marketing to and orienting students
- Marketing to parents at an earlier stage
- Parents' access to student's progress reports
- 95 seniors are graduating from the Technical Division
- 530 potential enrollment next year

d. Curriculum – Mrs. Barnicle indicated the subcommittee met on May 9<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following matters:

- *Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be* - Mr. Lucas will come back to the subcommittee to see how this book could fit into the college prep process.
- College & Career Readiness Plan
  - Dr. Nosek is serving on a state-wide panel
  - Integrating plan into elementary, middle and high school levels
  - Legislators will look for a recommendation from the state-wide panel.
- Understanding by Design
  - Atlas Curriculum mapping

e. By-Law & Policy - No meeting, no report.

f. Negotiations – No meeting, no report.

g. Building & Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.

h. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) - Mr. Haggerty reported the RAAC met with the Town of Sturbridge Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee as well as the Town of Holland. At the Brimfield Town Meeting, the first member town to consider, the articles were withdrawn because only 2 of the 3 articles were included in the warrant. The other upcoming meetings are as follows: May 18<sup>th</sup> – Wales; May 31<sup>st</sup> – Holland; June 6<sup>th</sup> – Sturbridge; June 10<sup>th</sup> – Brookfield.

i. Ad Hoc Turf Committee – Mr. Valanzola indicated the subcommittee met on April 28<sup>th</sup> to approve the pre-bid work. Also see Budget Subcommittee report.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications included in the packet:

- Letter to Legislative Representatives re: Endorsement of Senate Bill 254
- RISE Act
- November Ballot Questions
- SWCEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Q report was sent electronically (as voted)

## 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Graduation: Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Class Night – moved to an evening program due to MCAS conflicts – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 pm
- Responses to Senate Bill 254 from Senator Gobi and Representative Donald Berthiaume, Jr. (hand-out).
- Upcoming meeting with School Nurses as it relates to Policy JLCD Administering Medicine to Students. (See Motion 16-83)

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

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion 16-82:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to approve Policy JJF Student Activity Accounts for second reading and adoption.

VOTE: All in Favor

**Motion 16-83:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald, to approve Policy JLCD Administering Medicine to Students as amended for second reading and adoption.

Amendment: Under Exceptions - 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: remove word “Leader”.

VOTE: All in Favor

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- Next meeting is the Joint School Committee meeting – Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm
  - District’s Improvement Plan
- Superintendent’s Evaluation will be implemented in the late fall
- Mr. Lucas returned from the Brookfield Conservation Commission meeting and reported it went well, but no decisions were issued at the meeting.
- Mr. Lucas reviewed the NEASC decennial evaluation report. NEASC voted to award the school continued accreditation – a summary was included in the packet and the full report was distributed. The report is extremely positive.
  - The Committee asked whether the co-chairs for the NEASC review could be invited to the next meeting.

**12. OPEN FORUM** - No comments.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 16-84:**

Mr. Boyce moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Gillmeister  
Secretary