

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Meeting of Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
Junior High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller  
Michele-Lee Shea  
Dan Valcour

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle  
Cheryl Creeden  
Michelle Fitzgerald  
William Haggerty  
Kristen Leo  
Dr. Susan Waters

Holland

Erik Iller (\* 2 votes)

\* Serving in 2 roles: elected TRSD  
member and elementary representative

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham  
William Gillmeister

Wales

Christine Randall  
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT

Sharron O'Day (Bk); Megan Panek (S)

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business; Michael Lucas, SH Principal; Christopher Starczewski, JH Principal; Mark Wood, Principal Director – Technical; and Taive Muenzberg and Ashlee Pope, Student Representatives.

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag.

1. MINUTES

**Motion 17-01:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the June 21, 2016 Regular Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (13)  
Abstained (1) Creeden

**Motion 17-02:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the June 21, 2016 Executive Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (12)  
Abstained (2) Barnicle, Creeden

**Motion 17-03:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Randall, to approve the September 10, 2016 Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (13)  
Abstained (1) Haggerty

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2016 was included in the packet. FY2016 closed with \$290,357 net surplus toward future E&D Account; and the new School Choice balance of \$588,503.

3. STAFF REPORTS – No comments

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students – Students reported on the following activities:

- Sports updates
- School Play: *Rumors*
- Student Council
  - New Orientation
  - Homecoming – Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Spirit Week
  - SC Conference
- Club Updates
- Yearbook
- South Dakota Trip Meeting
- Tech Activities:
  - Cornerstone Café opening
  - 2016 Craft Fair
  - Business Professionals Conference
  - Skills USA – November

b. Budget

**Motion 17-04:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the FY2017 Budget Transfers as presented.

Discussion – transfers result in \$0 net impact to the budget. The transfers reflect starting balances to salary lines as a result of staffing changes and contract adjustments.

VOTE: All in Favor

**Motion 17-05:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the FY2017 Budget Transfers as presented.

Discussion – Use excess funds in Health Insurance budget to fund unanticipated maintenance needs in the Jr. High building, as well as additional technology. Transfers total \$45,000

VOTE: All in Favor

The Budget Subcommittee has scheduled two meetings: January 28, 2017 at 7:30 am and February 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

c. Technical – No meeting, no report.

d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report.

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) - No meeting, no report.

i. Ad Hoc Turf Committee – Mr. Gillmeister indicated the first game on the field is scheduled on October 7<sup>th</sup>. There is an unborrowed balance of \$38,704. The Subcommittee agreed to review allocating funding for lighting.

6. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications included in the packet:

- Bullying Report Summaries 2015-16
- Press Release MA DESE – Charter Schools
- MA DESE – Newly, Currently and No Longer Mandated School Breakfast Program
- TSHS Four Year College Acceptance
- TSHS Class of 2016 Post Graduate Plans
- Letter of Resignation – Jacob Ryan
- Thank you letter to D. McKinstry and P. Dobrowolski
- Letter from Brookfield Fire Dept. – Thank you to TSHS Students

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Brookfield Police Dept. – Thanked members of football team for their help.
- Old Sturbridge Village – Charter School application is being moved to the new level for consideration.
- MA School Building Authority (MSBA) will conduct a physical review on October 6<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.
- MASC Conference in November – members wishing to attend should contact the Superintendent's office.
- Atlas Curriculum Software demonstration will be in October.
- MASC – has offered Superintendent Evaluation training.
- Legal – Jim Toomey has retired, but the school will remain with the firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP

9. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Nosek reported she had contacted MA Dept of Ed to discuss the E. Brookfield Technical School request. The MA Dept. of Ed felt it would be too complicated to have a school join just the one division and felt students could always apply as out of district tuitioned students.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Nosek indicated changes in MA law regarding reduction in force language will require an updated MOU with various contract units. The matter will be given to the Negotiations Subcommittee.

**12. OPEN FORUM**

**Motion 17-06:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, that Tantasqua Regional School District go on record as being opposed to the resolution to lift the cap on the number of Charter Schools.

**Motion 17-07:**

Mr. Valcour moved, seconded by Dr. Waters, to postpone indefinitely any action on the previous motion.

VOTE:           In Favor (13)  
                  Opposed ( 1)

No action taken on #17-06

**MASC Delegate**

**Motion 17-08:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to nominate Mr. Gillmeister as the MASC Delegate.

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Valanzola declared approved by unanimous consent.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 17-09:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

VOTE:           All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Gillmeister, Secretary

TRSD:pag

NOTE: The first two digits of the motion numbers declare the fiscal year in which the votes were taken.