

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
Junior High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller  
Michele-Lee Shea

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham  
William Gillmeister  
Sharron O'Day

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle  
Cheryl Wood Creeden  
William Haggerty  
Kristen Leo  
Megan Panek  
Dr. Susan Waters

Holland

Debra Bertrand  
Erik Iller (\* 2 votes)

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

Wales

Christine Randall  
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT

Dan Valcour (Bm); Michelle Fitzgerald (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 Ashlee Pope, Student Representative.

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag. He welcomed new member, Debra Bertrand, and asked members to introduce themselves.

1. MINUTES

**Motion 17-10:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the September 20, 2016 Regular Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (13)  
Abstained (2) O'Day, Panek

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2016 was included in the packet. Most encumbrances and transfers have been made. There are no budget issues at this time.

Mrs. Boyd indicated that she anticipated between \$500,000 - \$550,000 in school choice funds this fiscal year.

3. STAFF REPORTS

TSHS Field Trip Requests

**Motion 17-11:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Randall, to approve the April 2017 Costa Rica field trip as presented.

VOTE: All in Favor

**Motion 17-12:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the July 2017 South Dakota field trip as presented.

VOTE: All in Favor

**Motion 17-13:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the November 2016 Oliver Ames High School Baystate Show Choir Festival field trip as presented.

VOTE: All in Favor

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Students – Ashlee Pope reported on the following Technical Division activities:

- Skills USA Conference (November)
- Culinary – Chowda’ Fest – November 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2016 Craft Fair – November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Business Professionals Association (BPA) Conference
- Health Career activities
- Electrical & Carpentry department – OSHA compliance training
- Electrical department projects

b. Budget

Upcoming meetings: November 14, 2016 at 7:15; January 28, 2017 at 7:30 am and February 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

c. Technical – Dr. Waters indicated the subcommittee met just before this meeting, and the report will be included in the next month’s meeting packet.

d. Curriculum – Mrs. Barnicle reported the subcommittee met on October 3, 2016 receiving updates on all assessment results. The results will be presented to the full committee. Future meetings scheduled as follows:

- December 5<sup>th</sup> – HS Science Curriculum
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Teacher leadership
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Course Offerings for middle level students and information on AP courses and college choices.

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

f. Negotiations – Mr. Valanzola indicated the Negotiations Subcommittee met tonight to review the change in language related to reduction in force (mandated by state law). He hopes to present the MOU at the next committee meeting for consideration.

g. Building & Physical Plant – No meeting, no report. Next meeting: November 14, 2016

h. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) - No meeting, no report.

i. Ad Hoc Turf Committee – No meeting, but Mr. Gillmeister indicated the first game was held on the field on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Boyd noted there are very few items left on the punch list. The scoreboard is to be installed on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

6. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments

7. COMMUNICATIONS - No comments

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Field dedication was held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Representative Smola donated the flags.
- MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) survey results – JHS
- Curriculum work – presented by Mr. Zanghi
  - Demonstrated and discussed the Atlas on-line curriculum mapping program
    - HS staff trained 3 years ago.
    - JHS, in preparation for NEASC visit, continuing to work on mapping
  - Understanding by Design – reviewed handout
    - Both HS & JH staff trained.

9. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Valanzola provided an update on the Superintendent's evaluation process.

- New committee members elected/appointed after April will not be expected to complete the evaluation.
- Committee members will be asked to complete the evaluation between October 25<sup>th</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>. Due date: November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- This year, both options of paper and on-line surveys will be offered, but going forward, only on-line surveys will be available.
- On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Elias Gillen, Union #61 Chair, and Mr. Valanzola will meet to review the evaluation results so that the information can be presented at the joint November meeting.
- In January, Mr. Valanzola will establish a Superintendent's Goals subcommittee.

12. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Haggerty indicated that he received calls and emails from his constituency saying they wished the Committee had taken a stand to help guide others on a better understanding of the Charter School issue.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion 17-14:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Gillmeister, Secretary