

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Junior High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller
Michele-Lee Shea
Dan Valcour

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle
Cheryl Wood Creeden
Michelle Fitzgerald
William Haggerty
Kristen Leo

Holland

Debra Bertrand
Erik Iller (* 2 votes)

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

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham
William Gillmeister

Megan Panek

Wales

Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT

Sharron O'Day (Bk); 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, SH Principal; Christopher Starczewski, JH Principal; Mark Wood, Principal Director – Technical; Taive Muenzberg and Ashlee Pope, Student Representatives.

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. (following Joint Meeting) with members rising to salute the flag. With the meeting starting late, there were no objections to Mr. Valanzola's suggestion to move the Student Committee Report to the first agenda item.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students – Students reported on the following activities:

- Fall & winter sports
- Performing Arts: Play: *Rumors* by N. Simon
- Student Council
 - 11/9 hosted Annual Fall Conference – 25 workshops (Culinary program cooked)
 - Bocce Tournament with Pathways
- Mr. Tantasqua competition
- Warrior Rumble Pep Rally (next week)
- Toy Drive
- National Honor Society
 - Coat Drive
 - Can Drive
 - Pies for Craft Fair
- Craft Fair raised approximately \$6,000
- Cookies for sale – health program
- Skills USA 11/20 – 22
- Carpentry & Electric Program OSHA training
- Thanksgiving Buffet at the Cornerstone Café
- Culinary Arts winner at Chowder Fest for their Sweet Potato Chowder

MINUTES

Motion 17-22:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the October 18, 2016 Regular Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: All in Favor

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2016 was included in the packet. There are no budget issues at this time.

Turf Project Bond Debt

Motion 17-23:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the recommendation of the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business for the Turf Project Bond Debt as follows:

Voted: That the sale of the \$2,095,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the District dated December 1, 2017 (the “Bonds”), to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. at the price of \$2,105,495.28 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on February 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2018	\$210,000	2.00%	2023	\$210,000	2.00%
2019	210,000	2.00	2024	210,000	2.50
2020	210,000	2.00	2025	210,000	2.50
2021	210,000	2.00	2026	210,000	2.50
2022	210,000	2.00	2027	205,000	2.50

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated November 9, 2016, and a final Official Statement dated November 15, 2016 (the “Official Statement”), each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the District Treasurer and the Chair of the Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the District Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the District Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

Further Voted: that each member of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

VOTE: All in Favor

3. STAFF REPORTS

- Tickets for the Thanksgiving football game available for committee members
- Hall of Fame Ceremony – 8:45 am Thanksgiving Day
- Mrs. Barnicle commented on the spotlight on the HS ELA program.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students – see Page 1

b. Budget

Mrs. Noyes-Miller reported the Budget Subcommittee met with Building/Physical Plant on Nov.14, 2016 and reviewed the capital plan.

c. Technical – No meeting, no report.

d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report. Next meeting: December 5th.

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

f. Negotiations – No meeting, no report. See New Business for vote on Reduction in Force language change in contract (Pg 4, Motion 17-25).

g. Building & Physical Plant – Prior to meeting with the Budget Subcommittee (11/14/16), the Subcommittee discussed use of the fields, fees and community use. The Committee will review the school use policy.

h. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) - No report – currently awaiting the Brimfield vote.

i. Ad Hoc Turf Committee – No meeting, but it was noted the scoreboard has been installed. Mr. Valanzola indicated that Representative Smola donated flags that were flown over the State Capital. A thank you letter will be sent to Rep. Smola on behalf of the Committee.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Included in the packet:

- Excess & Deficiency Report – Mrs. Boyd commented the figure was \$60-\$70,000 higher than last year.
- Memo re: School Budget Liaisons
- Standard & Poor Global Rating – AA rating
- Sent electronically: Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative – 1st Quarter Report

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Ted Foundation – Turkey Trot fundraiser to be held Nov 27th – the link is on the Tantasqua webpage.
- December meeting –
 - Superintendent's Scholars will be presented
 - Holiday Musical Performance

- MCAS/PARCC 2016 Spring Reports – Dr. Nosek turned over the presentation to Mr. Zanghi. Mr. Zanghi reviewed the report in detail. The results are carefully reviewed with the Principals and curriculum supervisors. Mr. Gillmeister requested the Committee be sent a report for the Junior High in the format presented (table report) on Page 11 provided for the High School. Action: Dr. Nosek indicated a report could be emailed to members, but noted the PARCC results are levels rather than the MCAS ratings of Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement and Failing.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

SWCEC – Voting Member

Motion 17-24:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Iller, to appoint Dr. Nosek as the voting member to the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

VOTE: All in Favor

Reduction in Workforce – Contract Language

Motion 17-25:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the language changes as presented related to reductions in staff included in the teacher’s contract.

Discussion: These language changes reflect amendments in MA law and are recommended for approval by the Negotiation Subcommittee.

VOTE: All in Favor

11. OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Barnicle indicated there were materials distributed at the MASC Conference related to School Committee self-evaluation. She asked that the materials be distributed to the Committee.

Mrs. Boyd indicated Audit reports were available for any member wishing a copy.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 17-26:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Iller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Gillmeister, Secretary

TRSD:pag

NOTE: Motion numbers are continued from the Tantasqua Committee motions made during the Joint Committee Meeting of 11/15/2016