

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017
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

Holland

Debra Bertrand
Erik Iller (* 2 votes)
* Serving in 2 roles: elected TRSD
member and Elementary representative

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham
Sharron O'Day

Kristen Leo

Megan Panek

Wales

Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT

William Gillmeister (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

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag.

PRESENTATION – SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLAR

Dr. Nosek indicated that Superintendent's Scholar, Nathan Lachapelle was unable to attend the December meeting, but attended this evening's meeting. Dr. Nosek asked Nathan and his parents to join her as she summarized Nathan's accomplishments and presented the Superintendent's Scholar Certificate.

1. MINUTES

Motion 17-33:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the December 20, 2016 Regular Session Minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (11) Abstained (3) Barnicle, Bertrand, Cunningham

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2016 was included in the packet. While there are no budget issues at this time, Mrs. Boyd will be monitoring the utility line items.

3. STAFF REPORTS – No comments

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students – No report.

b. Budget - No meeting, no report. Meeting scheduled for Saturday, Jan 28th – 7:30 am

- c. Technical – No report.
- d. Curriculum – No report.
- e. By-Law & Policy - No report.
- f. Negotiations – No report.
- g. Building & Physical Plant – The Subcommittee met before this evening’s meeting and discussed field usage and associated fees. The report will be provided in next month’s meeting packet.
- h. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) - No report.

6. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Included in the packet:

- Copy – letter of appreciation to M. Zanghi for donation of musical instruments.
- Copy – letter to MARS requesting legal fund reimbursement
- Recipe from Culinary Arts Dept. for award winning Sweet Potato & Apple Chowder

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- School Committee Self Evaluation – Dr. Nosek asked Mrs. Barnicle to address the matter. Mrs. Barnicle indicated materials were distributed at last month’s meeting and sent electronically to members. The self-evaluation process was discussed at a recent MASC conference. The end report could be presented as a “Report Card to the Community” and would include the functions of the Committee. Mrs. Barnicle felt it would provide community members a better understanding of the School Committee’s responsibilities and would provide a better understanding of what each member brings to the table. She suggested the matter be given to the By-Law & Policy Subcommittee to review and return with a recommendation at the next meeting.

Motion 17-34:

Mrs. Barnicle moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to refer the matter of School Committee Self Evaluation to the By-Law & Policy Subcommittee to review and develop a process appropriate to this body.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Dr. Nosek reminded members the February meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 1st. (rescheduled due to February school vacation)
- Superintendent Evaluation training
 - MASC has responded to Dr. Nosek’s training request. She indicated she hopes to have someone here from MASC on March 1st at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting and will send out an electronic notification to members.
 - Mr. Valanzola reported that the following members indicated an interest in serving with him on the Superintendent’s Evaluation Subcommittee: Mrs. Barnicle, Mrs.

Noyes-Miller, and Mrs. Fitzgerald. After the March 1st MASC training, the subcommittee will begin developing a process for Tantasqua/Union 61.

- Ted Foundation fundraiser: Tastefully Ted – February 3rd at the Publick House – tickets available on line or at the door.
- Per motion #17-29, the TACF Germplasm Agreement was reviewed by legal counsel and approved for the Chairman to sign.

9. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- No comments.

11. NEW BUSINESS - No comments.

12. OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Creeden reported on her attendance to a public forum *Understanding the American Muslim*. She indicated it served as an education on Muslim religion, beliefs and traditions and was interesting and informative. Recent wars and terrorist attacks have resulted in a fear of the Muslim community and bullying actions against American Muslims.

13. ADJOURN

Motion 17-35:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Gillmeister, Secretary

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