

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Junior High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller
Michele-Lee Shea

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham
William Gillmeister

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle
Cheryl Wood Creeden
Michelle Fitzgerald *
William Haggerty
Dr. Susan Waters

*Arrived 7:10pm

Holland

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

Debra Bertrand

Wales

Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT

Dan Valcour (Bm); Sharron O'Day (Bk); Kristen Leo, 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 Matthew Sexton, Student Representatives.

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag.

1. MINUTES

Motion 17-50:

Mrs. Barnicle moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the March 1, 2017 Regular Session minutes as amended.

- Amendment: Christine Randall – move from Present to Not Present

VOTE: In Favor (9) Abstained (3) Shea, Waters, Randall

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2017 was included in the packet. There are no significant budget issues at this time.

- FY18 Budget Votes

NOTE: Motions recommended by and put forth by subcommittees do not require a second. Mrs. Noyes-Miller is the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee.

Motion 17-51:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2018 Total Operating Budget of \$22,556,046 and to submit to member towns for town meeting approval.

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion 17-52:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2018 Net Operating Assessment at \$12,684,055 broken down as follows:

Brimfield	\$ 2,185,422	Sturbridge	\$ 6,563,877
Brookfield	\$ 1,558,015	Wales	\$ 784,300
Holland	\$ 1,592,442		

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion 17-53:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2018 Transportation Assessments at \$426,147 broken down as follows:

Brimfield	\$ 95,000	Sturbridge	\$ 148,829
Brookfield	\$ 82,793	Wales	\$ 43,300
Holland	\$ 56,225		

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion 17-54:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2018 Debt Assessment credits at \$232,613 broken down as follows:

Brimfield	-\$ 38,009	Sturbridge	-\$ 113,771
Brookfield	-\$ 34,101	Wales	-\$ 18,725
Holland	-\$ 28,007		

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion 17-55:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to transfer \$263,754.17 from School Choice Account to the General Fund for the payment of the FY2018 turf debt.

VOTE: All in Favor

• Food Services Committee

Mrs. Boyd indicated that the School Committee has asked her to look at alternatives for the food service. She advised the Committee that she will be sending out an RFP for the management of the food service program and she was seeking volunteers to serve as the subcommittee to review the proposals. The following members volunteered: Mrs. Noyes-Miller, Mrs. Randall, and Mr. Valanzola. A meeting was scheduled on April 11th to review the proposals.

3. STAFF REPORTS – No comments

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE: Motions recommended by and put forth by subcommittees do not require a second.

a. Students – Taive Muenzberg and Matthew Sexton reported on student activities in the following areas:

- Academic Division
 - Spring Sports try-outs
 - NHS applications
 - Student Council
 - Hyannis Conference
 - Special Olympics fundraiser
 - Workshops
 - Upcoming Elections
 - Jr. Class – 3/14/17 Basketball Challenge fundraiser
 - 4/28/17 Blood Drive
 - Spirit Week
 - Music Competition
 - 4/7 – 4/8 Relay for Life
- Technical Division
 - Business Technology – interview skills

- SKILLS USA
- Mechanical Design – CAD redesign projects
- 3-D Printing: Ferris Wheel
- Architectural Design – working on portfolios
- Carpentry – school projects
- Culinary Arts – Cornerstone Café activities and business designs
 - Team Chef Competition at the Sturbridge Host on 4/2/17
- Medical – students doing clinical rotation at Harrington Memorial Hospital and working on communication skills with patients
- Manufacturing – working on programming and coding language
- Computer Technology – learning about servers and malware
- Manufacturing – working on designs and manufacturing techniques
- Hotel & Restaurant Management

b. Budget - Votes related to the budget - see Pages 1 & 2 under Financial Report. Mrs. Noyes-Miller thanked everyone involved for their work to bring forth the FY18 budget.

c. Technical – No report, next meeting scheduled April 12, 2017.

d. Curriculum – Mrs. Barnicle indicated the subcommittee met, but the report hasn't been completed. She indicated the report would be added to next month's agenda.

e. By-Law & Policy

- Policy Updates

Motion 17-56:

Mr. Gillmeister, Sub-committee Chair, moved to approve for Second Reading and Adoption the following policies:

- Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
- Policy GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace Policy
- Policy JICH – Alcohol and Drug Use

VOTE: All in Favor

- School Committee Self-Evaluations

Mr. Gillmeister reported the evaluation forms have been sent out to Committee members. Dr. Nosek will send out a follow-up notice reminding members to return the forms before the next meeting. Mr. Gillmeister indicated that the Subcommittee will plan to report on the findings at the May meeting.

f. Negotiations – No report.

g. Building & Physical Plant – No report.

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

6. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments

7. COMMUNICATIONS – No comments

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Day on the Hill 4/25/17 (New Location)

- April School Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 26th. The Superintendent Evaluation Training session with Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the MA Association of School Committees (MASC), is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. prior to the School Committee meeting.
- School Choice applications – currently have 52 7th grade applications, with 14 lottery slots available.
- Dr. Nosek and Mr. Wood are attending the Worcester Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 22nd to speak about the manufacturing program.
- Dr. Nosek provided a handout regarding updates to the District Improvement Plan. She will provide a formal update towards the end of the year.

9. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments.

11. NEW BUSINESS - No comments.

12. OPEN FORUM

13. ADJOURN

Motion 17-57:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Gillmeister, Secretary

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