

# TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
Junior High School Library

## MEMBERS PRESENT

### Brimfield

Michele-Lee Shea  
Dan Valcour

### Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle  
Kristen Leo  
Susan Kline  
Dr. Susan Waters

### Holland

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

### Brookfield

Megan Cunningham  
William Gillmeister  
Sharron O'Day

### Wales

Christine Randall  
Michael Valanzola

## NOT PRESENT

Sheila Noyes-Miller (Bm); Michelle Fitzgerald, William Haggerty, 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 7:01 p.m. with members rising to salute the flag.

Musical Presentation – The members enjoyed the musical presentation by Tantascapella, the Junior High Acapella group, directed by Eric vonBleicken.

MAVA Award Presentation – Dr. Nosek presented the MAVA (Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators) Outstanding Student Award to Matthew Ilustre.

## 1. MINUTES

### **Motion 17-58:**

Dr. Waters moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the March 21, 2017 Regular Session minutes as amended.

– Amendment: Debra Bertrand – move from Not Present to Present

VOTE: In Favor (9) Abstained (3) Leo, O'Day, Valcour

### **Motion 17-59:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the March 21, 2017 Public Hearing minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor (8) Abstained (4) Leo, O'Day, Valcour, Waters

## 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2017 was included in the packet. There are no significant budget issues at this time.

### • OPEB/PARS Resolution

#### **Motion 17-60:**

As a recommendation of the Budget Subcommittee, Mr. Valanzola moved to authorize an agreement with Public Agencies Retirement Services as presented and to further authorize the Secretary of the School Committee to certify the vote by signing the formal document.

Discussion: The vote authorizes establishment of the trust, but does not fund it. The Trustees are Mr. Valanzola, Mr. Gillmeister, Mr. Haggerty, Mrs. Noyes-Miller and Mrs. Boyd.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Food Services Committee

Mrs. Boyd indicated that the School Committee has received proposals for the management of the food service program. She indicated that current food service employees would remain part of Tantasqua; the proposal is for the management of the program. The proposals are under review by subcommittee members: Mrs. Noyes-Miller, Mrs. Randall, Mr. Valanzola, Mr. Wood, Mr. Starczewski, Mr. Zanghi and Mrs. Boyd.

## 2. STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Lucas reminded members that Class Night is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> with pizza served at 4:30 pm, ceremony at 6:00 pm. Graduation is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

- Mr. Starczewski invited members to the Memorial Day/Veterans Breakfast – May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

- Textbooks – Obsolete

**Motion 17-61:**

Mrs. Bertrand moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle to declare Technical Division textbooks as obsolete as described in a memo from Mr. Wood to Dr. Nosek, dated April 11, 2017.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Basketball Shooting Machine

**Motion 17-62:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to return a gifted basketball shooting machine to the Booster Club.

Discussion: The machine is difficult to set up and hasn't been used to its potential. The Booster Club can re-sell it, with the sale proceeds going into their general fund to support Warrior athletics. The Booster Club unanimously supports this action.

VOTE: All in Favor

## 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:

- Technical Division
  - Virtual Business Program
  - Carpentry Project – building a shed; building step stools
  - Culinary Arts – field trips
  - Electrical Dept – studying panels and circuitry
  - Health Careers – students doing clinical rotation at Harrington Memorial Hospital and working on communication skills with patients
  - Information technology
  - Manufacturing – working on designs and manufacturing techniques.
  - Hotel & Restaurant Management
- Academic Division
  - Sports updates

- Prom – May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Student Council
  - End of Year Dodgeball Tournament
  - Elections
  - Teacher Appreciation Day
  - Spirit Week Activities
  - International Club Activities
- Performing Arts – Spring Musical: *Bye, Bye Birdie* A free show is offered to Senior citizens (dress rehearsal on 5/4/17 – 5:00 pm)
- AP Testing
- SAT's
- Senior's last day of school: May 19th

b. Budget - Mrs. Boyd reported that she will be making a recommendation to the Budget Subcommittee on the funding of the OPEB/PARS Trust at their meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

c. Technical – A meeting was held April 12, 2017 – the minutes will be included in the next packet.

d. Curriculum – Mrs. Barnicle indicated the minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were included in the packet and she discussed the topic: Teacher Leadership.

e. By-Law & Policy

There was no meeting, but Mr. Gillmeister reminded members to complete the School Committee Self-evaluation Forms. Members were advised if there were issues downloading the forms, to let the office know and hard copies will be sent to them. The intent is to report the findings at the May or June meeting.

f. Negotiations – No report.

g. Building & Physical Plant – No report.

h. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) - No meeting, but Brimfield is scheduled to vote on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. PUBLIC ACCESS I

Michele Schroth, head baker – food services program, asked to address the Committee. In her prepared statement, Ms. Schroth indicated she'd been with the cafeteria program for 21 years and she expressed her concerns that the School Committee was giving consideration to move to a food service management company. She felt that the in-house program could improve participation while providing a higher quality product.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter to Boards of Selectmen re: Approved policies – no responses were received to the notification.

## 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Joint Meeting – Scheduled on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Members urged to attend the Spring Musical, *Bye, Bye Birdie* – Tickets available for shows on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

- District Improvement Plan update – Dr. Nosek reviewed the goals, objectives and actions taken toward meeting the goals.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Narcan – Dr. Nosek asked the Committee to allow a standing order to have Narcan, an antidote for an opioid overdose, available during the school day, locked in the nurse’s office. She will work with the nurses to develop protocols to allow the nurses to administer this life-saving antidote in crisis situations.

**Motion 17-63:**

Dr. Waters moved, seconded by Mrs. O’Day, to allow Narcan to be on school premises, locked in the nurses’ office.

Discussion: The school will look at getting the drug at no cost. The drug has an 18-24 month shelf life. The nurses are educated in the use of Narcan and have developed procedures for its use.

VOTE: All in Favor

11. OPEN FORUM - No comments.

12. ADJOURN

**Motion 17-64:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Gillmeister, Secretary

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