

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Junior High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Delia Brower
Sheila Noyes-Miller

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle
Mary Bellezza
Michelle Fitzgerald
William Haggerty
Kristen Leo
Susan Kline
Dr. Susan Waters

Holland

Erik Iller
Cheryl Raymond

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham
William Gillmeister

Wales

Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT

Dan Valcour (Bm); Sharron O'Day (Bk); Mary Lovett. (H); Christine Randall (W)

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business; Michael Lucas, SH Principal; Sean Gilrein, Interim JH Principal; Mark Wood, Principal Director – Technical; Taive Muenzberg and Matthew Sexton, Student Representatives, and audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with members rising for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

Mr. Valanzola welcomed new members and asked members to introduce themselves.

2. MINUTES

Motion 18-05:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the September 16, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

Discussion: Mr. Gillmeister offered edits, hearing no objections the amendments were added to the motion.

Amendments:

1. Page 2, Motion 18-03: Mr. Gillmeister asked to move the question; the action was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Pg 3 – Bullet beginning with OSV Charter School: Change 2nd sentence to read: “.....grades **K** and up.”

VOTE: Voice vote – Motion passes Abstained (1) Iller

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the first FY2018 Financial Report for the period ending Sept. 30, 2017 was included in the packet. She noted the FY18 budget beginning the year was a little tighter with two long-term illnesses affecting the salary line.

Motion 18-06:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller, as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee, moved to accept FY2018 Budget Transfers as follows:

Account #	Description	Change in Budget
043	SH Teacher Salaries	(\$ 368,450)
064	SH Spec Ed Teachers	(\$ 8,647)
088	SH Library Asst Salary	\$ 10,880
089	SH Guidance Salaries	\$ 2,263
101	SH Custodian Salaries	\$ 23,000
177	JH Teacher Salaries	(\$ 12,982)
198	JH Spec Ed Teachers	(\$ 30,302)
224	JH Guidance Salaries	(\$ 1,012)
505	JH Guide ACA Salaries	\$1,012
303	Tech Acad Teachers	\$361,096
337	Tech Guidance Sal	\$ 23,142
	NET IMPACT TO BUDGET	-\$ 0 -

VOTE: All in Favor

3. STAFF REPORTS

Data Security – Mr. Gillmeister asked about the controls in place for data security as teachers and students use Google Classroom Suite. Dr. Nosek indicated the same security controls are in place, but will get more details from Tech Director, Greg Rossow.

Skills Capital Grant – Mr. Iller offered congratulations to Mr. Wood for securing the \$270,000 Skills Capital Grant to be used to update equipment and purchase new equipment.

Warriors Marching Band – Mrs. Barnicle thanked Mr. Lucas for highlighting “Tantasqua in the Spotlight” – a new and fun talent show.

Chestnut Project – Mr. Haggerty complimented Mr. Gilrein on the combined project involving the United Way Day of Caring volunteers helping with the Chestnut tree research orchard.

Trip Approval Request

Motion 18-07:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the trip to Costa Rica 2018 (April vacation) and exempt all participating teachers from the conflict of interest law as it relates to this sanctioned school trip.

Discussion:

- Travel protection - Participants will be encouraged to purchase

VOTE: All in Favor

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Students

Ms. Muenzberg reported on the following:

- Athletics report
- PSAT & SAT schedule
- Progress reports & on 11/3/2017 1st Q grades
- Hurricane relief – fundraising
- Humanity Scholars
- HOLC applications
- Student Council – Homecoming Dance held
- MASC meeting
- Powder Puff Dance
- Mr. “T” Competition

- 11/22/17 Pep Rally
- TRHS Drama Club's production of Arthur Miller's, The Crucible – Nov 3rd & 4th

Mr. Sexton reported on the following:

- Business Technology – Customer Certification
- Auto Cad Design – Product reviews
- Architectural Design Program
 - Working on 1st design task: bathroom re-design
 - Develop working drawings
 - College Fair
 - Field Trips to view building architecture
- Carpentry Program
 - Stand-alone garage project
 - Habitat for Humanity program
- Culinary – working on new fall recipes
- Electrical Program – working with the elementary schools; currently in Brimfield
- Health Program – Seniors are involved with clinical training
- Hotel & Restaurant Program – Learning skills needed to run a restaurant and working with in house café.
- IT Program – fixing computers in the building
- Manufacturing – EDM skills
- Skills USA – Program Advisory Board meeting scheduled for October 18th.

- a. Budget – Mrs. Noyes-Miller indicated the subcommittee met earlier this evening to review and approve the budget transfers voted on under the Financial Report. The subcommittee has scheduled their budget meetings on Saturday, January 27th and February 7th to wrap up.
- b. Technical – No meeting, no report.
- c. Curriculum – Mrs. Barnicle reported the subcommittee met on October 16th and the written report will be included in next month's committee packet. Upcoming meetings with topics have been scheduled:
 - December 4 – Civics and Civic Education / MCAS
 - February 12 – School Choice and its impact at Tantasqua
 - April 9 – Dual Enrollment / Program of Studies
- d. By-Law & Policy – No meeting, no report. Mr. Gillmeister indicated a meeting is scheduled on October 31st with the topic of breathalyzer tests on the agenda.
- e. Negotiations – Unit A is the next group scheduled for negotiations. Tim Fitzgerald will serve as IBB facilitator for negotiations scheduled January 19th & 20th.
- f. Building and Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.
- g. Regional Agreement Amendment Committee – The agreement is under review by Christine Lynch, DESE – District & School Finance; however, she is now only working part-time; therefore the approval may be delayed.
- h. Ad Hoc Evaluation Subcommittee – Mr. Valanzola indicated the subcommittee met with Dr. Nosek to review the new rubric and template materials distributed to members at this meeting. Subcommittee members are: Susan Kline, Patricia Barnicle, Sheila Noyes-Miller and Mr. Valanzola. The evaluation process will be adjusted to an April to April cycle, prior to town elections, to avoid newly elected members from trying to evaluate the Superintendent

without any direct knowledge of her performance. The 2017-18 goals were distributed to members to allow time for members to review them prior to the November Joint Union #61/ Tantasqua meeting. The rubric and scoring templates will be emailed to members.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were included on the agenda:

- TRSD Committee Membership 2017-18
- Letter of Appreciation from Brookfield Police Department to Mr. Lucas and Dr. Nosek
- Letter of Appreciation from Brookfield Fire Department to Mr. Lucas and Dr. Nosek

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- TRSD / Union #61 Joint Meeting: November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gillmeister asked that the special rules established for the Joint Meeting be distributed again to all members of the Tantasqua and Union #61 school committee members.
- The descriptions of the Professional Development Opportunities held on October 6, 2017 were included in the packet.
- October 1st Enrollment Data
- Thanked the Instrumental Music teachers for the “All Bands Night” performances
- Deb Grimaldi, Administrative Assistant, has given her notice of retirement effective 12/31/17.

SWCEC – Voting Delegate

Motion 08-08:

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

VOTE: All in Favor

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

MASC Annual Meeting Delegate

Motion 08-09:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to appoint Mr. Valanzola as the 2017 MASC Annual Meeting Delegate, with Mr. Gillmeister as the alternate.

VOTE: All in Favor

11. OPEN FORUM

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 18-10:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Gillmeister, Secretary