

# TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Junior High School Library

## MEMBERS PRESENT

### Brimfield

Sheila Noyes-Miller  
Dan Valcour

### 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

Christine Randall  
Michael Valanzola

## NOT PRESENT

Delia Brower (Bm); Sharron O'Day (Bk); Mary Lovett (H)

## ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; 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.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with members rising for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. MINUTES

#### **Motion 18-27:**

Mrs. Barnicle moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the December 19, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

VOTE: Voice vote – Motion passes  
Abstained: Waters

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2017 was included in the packet. At this point in the year there are no significant concerns, but with the recent extreme cold, she is watching the utilities line items. Dr. Nosek will provide an update in her report regarding the frozen pipes at the high school.

### 4. STAFF REPORTS

Committee members discussed the following:

- Update on outcome of spelling bee.
- Mr. Wood reported the IT students participated in a debate regarding the Net Neutrality issue. Students watched the FCC conversation/vote on the matter.
- Mr. Lucas reported on the foreign language event.
- Musical Performance:
  - Mrs. Barnicle mentioned she attended the chorus and orchestra performances held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. She stated the Tantasqua performances were excellent.
  - Mr. Valanzola indicated the Tantasqua students also sounded great when they performed at the State House.

### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### a. Students

Mathew Sexton reported on Technical Division student activities:

- Business Tech
  - working the school store
  - Students learning the Micro-Soft Office Suite programs

- Mechanical Design – working to create products
- Architecture Program
  - Seniors working on outdoor renovation project
  - Students learning about materials and design costs
- Carpentry Program – working on district projects
- Culinary
  - Running the Cornerstone Café
  - Working on knife skills
  - Students helped at Worcester’s Best Chef competition on 1/28/2018. Employers were able to see Tantasqua students.
- Electrical – working on motor lab and designing wiring
- Health Program – Working on clinical rotations at Harrington Hospital and learning medical terminology
- Hotel/Rest Management – customer service skills and handling cash
- IT – refurbishing computers and printers at both JH & SH
- Manufacturing – using different types of technology and machines

Taive Muenzberg reported on student activities in the academic programs

- Sport teams – swimming, track, basketball and hockey results
- NHS – Senior Self Defense Night
- Course selection for Juniors
- Student Council
  - Winter Formal dance with a week of “spirit” activities
  - Conference for JH students – to promote interest in serving on the Student Council
  - Mr. Lucas announced that Taive is running for the position of State Student Council President. Her slogan is “Taive the Day”.
- Finals are coming up
- Senior Prom – May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Class Trip
- MASC Conference:
  - Tantasqua student delegates have been chosen.
  - Polar Plunge benefit: Mr. Lucas will participate if the students meet their fundraising goal.
  - Students have nominated Ms. Leigh Joseph as Administrator of the Year.

- b. Budget Mrs. Noyes-Miller indicated the subcommittee will meet on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- c. Technical – Dr. Waters indicated the subcommittee met earlier this evening and will provide a report to be included in the next meeting packet.
- d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report
- e. By-Law & Policy – No meeting, no report
- f. Negotiations – Mr. Valcour indicated the subcommittee held an Executive Session meeting to prepare for the IBB (Interest Based Bargaining) meeting with Unit A scheduled Jan 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Building and Physical Plant – No meeting, no report
- h. Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee – No report
- 5. PUBLIC ACCESS I – No comments
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were included in the meeting packet:

- Letter of appreciation to D. Ternullo and TSHS Concert Choir for December performance.
- Letter of appreciation to Culinary Faculty and students for providing refreshments for the December meeting.
- Letter of thanks to R. Perrin and L. Stattenfield for participating in the 12/4/17 Curriculum Subcommittee meeting.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- Ted Foundation Fundraiser: Tastefully Ted, 2/2/2018, Publick House
- Professional Development Day –
  - Chad Porter was the main speaker
  - faculty participated in department related work
  - CPR/AED training provided
- Assistant Superintendent duties – handout provided showing staff who will be handling different aspects of the duties until the position is filled.
- Update on HS damage – as a result of a circulator failure some pipes were frozen and burst, and some sprinkler heads were damaged.
  - Administration is working with insurance company representatives.
  - Administrative offices were damaged. Personnel in the affected areas have relocated to other areas of the school and a temporary trailer is also being used.
  - Alternative heat is being used for some sections. At this time the field house, locker room and pool were not damaged, but are closed because of damage to the fire-suppression system.
  - Dr. Nosek indicated that all staff, including custodial, IT and maintenance have pitched in to help.
  - The insurance company is covering all costs after the \$1,000 deductible. Discussions are on-going about other related rental costs for activities needing to be relocated to outside facilities while the pool and field house are closed. The additional transportation costs to transport students to other facilities and the lost income while the Tantasqua field house and pool are closed are also being reviewed.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. OPEN FORUM

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion 18-28:**

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Gillmeister, Secretary