

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Junior High Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield
Jennifer Custance
Sheila Noyes-Miller
Dan Valcour

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

Holland
Erik Iller
Mary Lovett
Cheryl Raymond

Brookfield
Megan Cunningham
Pamela Fitzgerald
William Gillmeister

Wales
Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola

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; and audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with members rising for the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION: Project 351 & NELMS Scholar Leaders

Mr. Gilrein introduced the Junior High student leaders and asked each to comment on their activities:

- Emma Lalashius – NELMS Scholar Leader
- Kelsie Lucas – Project 351 Ambassador
- Cody Leeman – Project 351 Ambassador
- Griffin Michalak – Project 351 Ambassador
- Caraline Stewart – Project 351 Ambassador
- Camryn Lapierre – Project 351 Ambassador
- Brian Langevin – Student Council
- Lorelai Soper – Principal's Advisory Committee
- Evan Hemingway – NELMS Scholar Leader

Mr. Valanzola thanked the students for coming to the meeting to discuss their involvement and achievements.

REORGANIZATION

Dr. Nosek called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Motion 18-84:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to nominate Michael Valanzola for the position of Chairman.

Hearing no others, Dr. Nosek closed nominations.

VOTE: By unanimous consent – Mr. Valanzola was elected as Chair.

Mr. Valanzola called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Motion 18-85:

Mrs. Barnicle moved, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham to nominate William Haggerty for the position of Vice-Chair.

Hearing no others, Mr. Valanzola closed nominations.

VOTE: By unanimous consent – Mr. Haggerty was elected as Vice Chair.

Mr. Valanzola called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Motion 18-86:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to nominate Mr. Gillmeister for the position of Secretary.

Hearing no others, Mr. Valanzola closed nominations.

VOTE: By unanimous consent – Mr. Gillmeister was elected as Secretary

2. MINUTES

Motion 18-87:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty to approve the May 22, 2018 Regular Session minutes.

VOTE: Voice vote – Motion passes
 Abstained – Custance

Motion 18-88:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the May 22, 2018 Executive Session minutes.

VOTE: Voice vote – Motion passes
 Abstained – Custance

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2018 was included in the packet. As expected, the balances will cover the votes taken at the prior meeting.

Mrs. Boyd reported that the Town of Brookfield voted to support the TRSD FY19 budget at their annual town meeting.

Chartwells - Cafeteria Management Presentation

Representatives from Chartwells reviewed the current status of the cafeteria program. At this point, the program is looking to finish with just better than break-even financials. Lunch purchases have increased by 7.9% and ala cart purchases by 75.2%. Chartwells has also assisted with multiple school related events. Recently, a partnership has been formed with Polar Beverages for carbonated flavored waters that meet federal nutritional guidelines.

Moving forward, the company plans to:

- Sustainable Program - Partner with local farmers for the distribution of food scraps.
- Create student choice test food stations – students use an interactive program to rate different stations with the winner becoming a station for the next month.
- NutraSlice app – on line app to advise on nutritional content of each food item.
- Allergy app – on line app provides information on food content to avoid any allergies.

Motion 18-89:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to declare cafeteria equipment – a dough press and a grater, as obsolete.

VOTE: Approved by unanimous consent.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Gilrein discussed “Step Up Day” – a program allowing incoming 7th grade student to visit the Junior High School and incoming 9th grade students to visit the Senior High. Current 7th graders were also given an opportunity to visit the 8th grade classrooms and learn about the expectations and routines.

Mr. Barnicle congratulated Mr. Lucas on a great Class Night and Graduation.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Students – No report
- b) Budget – No meeting, no report
- c) Technical – No meeting, no report
- d) Curriculum – No meeting, no report
- e) By-Law & Policy –

As Subcommittee Chair, Mr. Gillmeister presented the following recommendations of the By-Law & Policy Subcommittee in the form of motions not requiring a second.

Motion 18-90:

Mr. Gillmeister moved to accept the following Policy for Second Reading and Adoption: AA, Tantasqua Regional School District Establishment and Governance Documents.

VOTE: Voice vote – Motion passes

Motion 18-91:

Mr. Gillmeister moved to accept Policy File: FFA, Commemorating Policy, on First Reading.

Discussion:

- Mr. Gillmeister indicated the By-Law & Policy Subcommittee was charged with developing a Commemorative policy and he reviewed each section of the policy.
- Suggestion to change the word “postmortem” to “posthumously” in introduction paragraph.
- Should the procedures to rescind any commemoration be its own policy requiring a separate 1st and 2nd reading? Mr. Gillmeister indicated the subcommittee would review this question prior to 2nd reading of FFA.

VOTE: Voice vote – Motion passes

- f) Negotiations – No report.
- g) Building and Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.

6. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were included in the meeting packet:

- Letter of congratulations to Andrew Houle.

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Nosek provided the following report:

- Technical Davison – Building Project

Motion 18-92:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Iller, to approve the building project as presented by Mr. Wood to Dr. Nosek, in the memo dated June 19, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Wood indicated four projects were submitted and reviewed. The chosen project would engage the skills and the competencies spelled out in the Frameworks. The project is a garage addition to a current home, with a bonus room on the 2nd floor. The home-owner’s names are not included in the documents when the various projects are considered. Home owners: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boland, Brimfield, MA.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Step Up Program – Dr. Nosek thanked all involved at the middle school for the extra efforts with setting up the enhanced specialized program following the Step Up Day.
- MASC – Early bird registration is available for the November 7 – 10th conference.
 - Mr. Valanzola indicated that Mr. Haggerty has been nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Interim Principal – Dr. Nosek thanked Mr. Gilrein for all his work as interim Junior High Principal. She indicated the district was lucky and blessed to have Mr. Gilrein fill the void. Mr. Gilrein, in turn, thanked the administration and Committee for their grace, poise and professionalism. He indicated it was one of the best experiences he’s had to be welcomed back to spend time with kids and the parents who entrust their children to them for their education.
 - The new JH Principal, Gregory Sturges, will start on July 1, 2018.

9. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Subcommittee Appointments - Mr. Valanzola indicated Committee members will be receiving an email from Dr. Nosek and him regarding Subcommittee choices. Each member is asked to choose the Subcommittees they

would like to serve on, rating them 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Valanzola indicated he always tries to assign positions from the 1st or 2nd choices.

August / September meetings – Mr. Valanzola indicated that the Committee has decided in the past to forego the August meeting, but rather hold a Saturday half-day retreat in early September. The retreat serves as an orientation, review of rules and an opportunity to distribute the subcommittee assignments and allow each subcommittee to caucus to determine their Chairs. The tentative date: Saturday, September 8th. There were no objections.

First day of School – August 27th

12. OPEN FORUM — No comments

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 18-93:

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to enter Executive Session at 8:23 pm as provided under:

- MGL Chapter 30A § 4 to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto. and

Further, the Committee intends to adjourn from Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES – Barnicle, Bellezza, Cunningham, Custance, M. Fitzgerald, P. Fitzgerald, Gillmeister, Haggerty, Iller, Kline, Leo, Lovett, Noyes-Miller, Randall, Raymond, Valanzola, Valcour, Waters

The following motion was made in Executive Session:

Motion 18-94:

Mr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to move out of Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. and adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES – Barnicle, Bellezza, Cunningham, Custance, M. Fitzgerald, P. Fitzgerald, Gillmeister, Haggerty, Iller, Kline, Leo, Lovett, Noyes-Miller, Randall, Raymond, Valanzola, Valcour, Waters

Respectfully submitted,
William Gillmeister, Secretary