

## TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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

#### Holland

Erik Iller  
Mary Lovett  
Cheryl Raymond

#### Brookfield

Megan Cunningham  
William Gillmeister

#### Wales

Christine Randall  
Michael Valanzola

### NOT PRESENT

Delia Brower (Bm); Sharron O'Day (Bk); Dr. Susan Waters (S)

### ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Business; Sean Gilrein, Interim JH Principal; Mark Wood, Principal Director – Technical and audience.

NOTE: Motion numbers continue from the TRSD & Union #61 Joint Meeting of Nov. 21, 2017.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with members rising for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. MINUTES

#### **Motion 18-16:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the October 17, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

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

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd indicated the first FY2018 Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2017 was included in the packet. At this point in the year there are no significant concerns.

### 4. STAFF REPORTS – No comments

### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### a. Students – No report

#### b. Budget

- Mrs. Noyes-Miller indicated the subcommittee met earlier this evening.
- The next meeting is scheduled on Dec.19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 – meeting with Building & Physical Plant subcommittee.
- The Budget Subcommittee's schedule of meetings has been sent to member towns.

#### c. Technical – No meeting, no report.

#### d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report. The next scheduled meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### e. Bylaw & Policy – Dr. Gillmeister indicated the policies listed under agenda item #10 - New Business can be taken up now. As Chair of the subcommittee, Dr. Gillmeister made the following motions as recommendations of the subcommittee, requiring no second.

#### **Motion 18-17:**

Dr. Gillmeister moved to accept for first reading Policy JICHA: Use of Evidential Breath Test.

Discussion:

- This policy is offered as first reading, allowing committee members to review and offer suggested changes.
- Research – whether cough/cold medicine would affect the measurement readings.

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

**Motion 18-18:**

Dr. Gillmeister moved to accept for first reading Policy EFA: School Meal Charges.

Discussion:

- The policy is a Federal regulation requirement.

VOTE: Voice vote – All in Favor

The next Bylaw & Policy Subcommittee meeting is scheduled December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

- Negotiations – Unit A is the next group scheduled for negotiations. Tim Fitzgerald will serve as facilitator at the meetings scheduled January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Building and Physical Plant – No meeting, no report. Scheduled to meet with the Budget Subcommittee on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45.
- Regional Agreement Amendment Committee – Dr. Nosek reported that Christine Lynch, DESE – District & School Finance is prepared to send the amendments to the Commissioner for approval.
- Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee – No meeting, no report. His findings and recommendations were presented earlier at the Joint Meeting of TRSD and Union #61.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS I - No comments.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were included on the agenda:

- Memo from D. Boyd re: FY19 School Budget Liaisons
- Memo from M. Lucas re: Holland Recreation Fencing Donation

**Motion 18-19:**

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to accept with appreciation the donation of white fencing from the Holland Recreation Committee and to direct the Chair to send a thank you letter on behalf of the school committee.

VOTE: All in Favor (voice vote)

- Letter of Appreciation to S. Mansfield, TSHS Electrical Dept.
- SWCEC First Quarter Report – sent electronically

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported on the following:

- MASC Conference Sessions - Dr. Nosek asked those in attendance to discuss the break-out sessions they attended.
  - Mr. Haggerty discussed the sessions on (1) Opioid challenges, and (2) NEASC evaluation process, (3) developing SMART goals, (4) MIAA rules regarding girls playing on traditional boys' teams.
  - Mr. Valanzola discussed presentations: (1) evolving jobs and preparing students for future jobs, and (2) relationships between Charter schools and traditional schools.
  - Dr. Nosek discussed the session on dual enrollment
  - Mrs. Barnicle discussed the sessions on (1) measuring school quality and (2) alternatives to standardized testing.
- Thanksgiving Day football tickets are available.
- Executive Assistant search – there's a great pool of candidates and Dr. Nosek plans to give an update at the December meeting.
- Dr. Nosek wished Jeffrey Zanghi the best as he leaves the district for the Superintendent position with the Berlin/Boylston School District.
  - Replacement: Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching – Dr. Nosek indicated they won't open a full search to replace Mr. Zanghi until next year. Current district staff will continue the work being done at this time.
- December meeting
  - To be held at the High School with a holiday performance starting at 6:45 p.m.
  - The Superintendent's Scholars will be presented to the Committee.
  - MCAS presentation

- School Building Assessment coming up in December

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No comments.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS - See notes under Committee Reports – e. Bylaw & Policy

11. OPEN FORUM

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion 18-20:**

Dr. Gillmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Gillmeister, Secretary

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