

**TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting of Wednesday, April 28, 2010**  
**Library – Tantasqua Junior High School**

Mrs. Neal convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Committee rose to salute the flag.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Brimfield**

Geoff Earls  
Sheila Noyes-Miller

**Sturbridge**

Pat Barnicle  
Michele Fitzgerald  
Gary Galonek

**Holland**

Steve Anderstrom  
Howard Fife

**Brookfield**

Peter O'Connell  
Barbara Wilson

Kathleen Neal  
Francis Simanski  
Beth Tichy

**Wales**

Michael Valanzola

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mark Richter (Bm), James Cooke (Bk), Eric Iller (H), William Haggerty (S), Brenda Tooley (W)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Daniel Durgin, Superintendent; Ted Friend, Associate Superintendent; Beth Schaper, Assistant Superintendent; Tim Prouty, Technical Division Principal; Jennifer Lundwall, Jr. High Principal; Michael Lucas, High School Principal; and audience.

**MINUTES**

**Motion 10-38:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to accept the regular session meeting minutes of March 16, 2010 as corrected.

Amendment: Pg 3, Bldg & Physical Plant – remove the next meeting date

VOTE: In Favor (10)

Abstained: Earls, Wilson, Galonek

**Motion 10-39:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of March 16, 2010.

VOTE: In Favor (10)

Abstained: Earls, Wilson, Galonek

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Durgin reviewed the March 31, 2010 Financial Report included in the meeting packet. Mr. Durgin indicated that there are no financials issues expected through the end of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Durgin indicated that looking towards FY2011, it appears that state funding will be reduced by 4% and that the administrators and the Budget Subcommittee will continue to review the budget and make reduction recommendations as needed when final numbers are issued by the state. Mr. Durgin added he did not anticipate cuts would impact any programs.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Students - No report. Mr. Lucas reported the two students were just elected to represent students for the next school year.
- b. Budget – Mrs. Noyes-Miller noted, as did Mr. Durgin, the subcommittee is awaiting final funding figures from the state before making any recommendations for budget adjustments.
- c. Technical – No meeting, no report.
- d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report.
- e. By-Law & Policy – Handbook changes - see Staff Reports. Policies regarding (1) concussions re: sports programs; and (2) bullying were also discussed and recommended for review by the subcommittee.
- f. Personnel – No meeting, no report.
- g. Negotiations – The subcommittee is meeting with the custodial bargaining unit on Monday, May 3, 2010.
- h. Building and Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.
- i. Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Mrs. Barnicle reported the subcommittee met earlier this evening and a report to the full committee is forthcoming.

Mr. O'Connell recommended that the Chair make temporary subcommittee appointments so that the subcommittees could continue their functions during the period of time when members are going off the committee.

**PUBLIC ACCESS I** – No comments.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Mr. Durgin indicated that he was happy to report that after working and evaluating his performance in the interim position for eleven months, that he has appointed Mr. Lucas as the High School Principal - effective July 1st.
- The draft of the District Improvement Plan Evidence of Accomplishment FY10 was included in the packet and will be on the Joint Meeting agenda in May.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Student Handbook Changes**

#### **Motion 10-40:**

Mr. O'Connell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the changes to the Junior High 2010-2011 Student Handbook as presented.

Discussion – Mrs. Lundwall was asked to discuss the elevator key charge when the key is not returned in a timely manner.

**Motion 10-41:**

Mr. Simanski motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to amend the aforementioned handbook changes as follows:

#9 – amend 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence into three separate sentences as follows (suggested changes are bolded): Bare midriffs, exposed underwear, **exposed cleavage**, pajamas and hats are **not allowed**. Any article of clothing with tobacco, beer, alcohol and/or drug logos or advertising **is not allowed**. Clothing with rude quotes.....”

Discussion: Mrs. Lundwall advised the Committee to not vote any change that would include mention of the female anatomy as it is an emotionally charged matter at a time when many teenagers already struggle with body image issues. She indicated that if a teacher identifies such a problem that they are handled in a private, sensitive manner by female teachers, guidance or administration.

VOTE on amendment:       In Favor ( 5)  
                                          Opposed ( 7)                               Amendment fails

VOTE on original motion: All in Favor

**Motion 10-42:**

Mr. O’Connell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve the TRHS updates to the 2010-2011 Student Handbook as presented with the following minor correction Pg 4 –3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph under Driver’s Education – 5<sup>th</sup> sentence – replace word “they” with “he/she”.

VOTE:           All in Favor

**Donations**

**Motion 10-43:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. O’Connell, to accept, with appreciation, the contribution of gallons of ice cream from Hannaford’s Market in North Brookfield.

VOTE:           All in Favor

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Durgin reported on the following

- Technical Division – Skills USA program
- Associate Superintendent search.
- Sturbridge Town Meeting – Tantasqua budget passed
- Chapter 70 and Transportation anticipated budget cuts
- Bullying legislation
- Class Day – June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Prom Night – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Superintendent Goals – Draft goals were discussed with the Executive Committee and were included in the packet. Committee members may email any additional suggestions to Mr. Durgin and Mrs. Neal. NOTE: correct Goal #5 to read 2012 budgets.

**PUBLIC ACCESS II** - No Comments

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Earls asked whether there was any chance to bring back the hall monitors that were cut from the budget. Mr. Durgin indicated there were no plans to bring back those positions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Obsolete Books**

**Motion 10-44:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Simanski, to declare the books listed in the memo from Mr. Lucas to Mr. Durgin dated April 13, 2010 as obsolete and approved for removal from the Wilson library.

VOTE: All in Favor

Culinary Program - Mr. Valanzola indicated a lunch at the Wales Senior Center provided by the culinary arts program was excellent.

Day on the Hill - Mr. Simanski reported on the meetings with the region's legislators, with focus on state funding. Mr. Simanski added that the culinary arts students represented the school well at the Day on the Hill.

Last Meeting – The Committee joined Mrs. Neal as she thanked Mr. O'Connell for serving as a Committee member.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion 10-45:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to move into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. as provided under MGL Ch. 39, § 23(B)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation, with the intent to reconvene for the sole purpose of adjournment.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes - Earls, Noyes-Miller, O'Connell, Wilson, Barnicle, Fitzgerald, Galonek, Neal, Simanski, Tichy, Anderstrom, Fife, Valanzola

**ADJOURN**

**Motion 10-47:**

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Haggerty, Secretary  
TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE