

## TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Library – Tantasqua Junior High School

Mrs. Neal convened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. following the Joint Committee meeting.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

#### Brimfield

Geoff Earls  
Sheila Noyes-Miller  
Mark Richter

#### Sturbridge

Pat Barnicle  
Michele Fitzgerald  
Gary Galonek  
William Haggerty  
Kathleen Neal  
Francis Simanski  
Beth Tichy

#### Holland

Steve Anderstrom  
Howard Fife  
Eric Iller

#### Brookfield

James Cooke  
William Gillmeister

#### Wales

Brenda Tooley  
Michael Valanzola

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Barbara Wilson (Bk)

### 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; Michelle Bourget and Jordan DeSousa, Student Representatives; and audience.

### MINUTES

#### **Motion 10-57:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to accept the regular session meeting minutes of April 28, 2010.

VOTE: In Favor (13)

Abstained: Cooke, Haggerty, Iller, Tooley

Executive Session minutes of April 28, 2010 will be released for approval once the matters under discussion are resolved.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd reviewed the April 30, 2010 Financial Report included in the meeting packet. She indicated that although the final transportation funding figures have not been released from the state, there are no financials issues expected through the end of the current fiscal year.

Mrs. Boyd indicated that looking towards FY2011, there still are no final state funding figures. The Budget Subcommittee will hold a meeting on June 14, 2010 to begin initial discussions of the school's budgetary response to any reduction in state funding.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students - Mr. Lucas introduced Michelle Bourget and Jordan DeSousa, recently elected as student representatives for the next school year. Students reported on the following activities:

- Yearbook
- Student Council elections
- Student Council – Central MA Conference
- Teacher Appreciation Day 5/27/2010
- Leadership training/mentoring program
- Pancake Breakfast 5/24/2010
- Relay for Life raised \$27,000 for cancer research
- Homework Club (tutoring Burgess students)

- b. Budget – Mrs. Noyes-Miller noted the subcommittee is awaiting final funding figures from the state before making any recommendations for budget adjustments. The Budget Subcommittee will also discuss capital expense items at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- c. Technical – No meeting, no report.
- d. Curriculum – No meeting, no report.
- e. By-Law & Policy – At their June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Subcommittee plans to look at a bullying/hazing/harassment policy to align with the new legislation.
- f. Personnel – No meeting, no report.
- g. Negotiations – No report.
- h. Building and Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.
- i. Ad Hoc Subcommittee – The drafted plan was presented during the preceding Joint Committee meeting.

**PUBLIC ACCESS I** – No comments

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Obsolete Materials**

**Motion 10-58:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to declare the following obsolete:

- Junior High Library books as described in a memo from Jennifer Lundwall to Daniel Durgin, dated 5/10/2010; and
- Science materials as described in a memo from Jennifer Lundwall to Daniel Durgin, dated 5/10/2010

VOTE: All in Favor

After Prom Party – Mr. Lucas reported that the number of students this year was down – 75 students attended the after Prom Party with 10 teacher volunteers.

Technical Programs

- Mr. Prouty indicated there are 3 students on a waiting list for culinary arts and 8 on a list for the electrical program.
- Skills USA – three students are attending the National competition.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Durgin reported on the following:

- May 7<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day
- Restraint Training – completed
- National Honor Society induction ceremony
- Class Day
- All Arts Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Solar RFP has been posted – anticipating a full report to the Committee in the fall.
- Town Meetings – both Brimfield and Sturbridge have approved Tantasqua's budget.
- Graduation – June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Will be working with Policy Subcommittee to be sure any Bullying policy conforms with the new law. Committee members asked to be notified when the Policy Subcommittee meets.
- Working on a web-based program that will allow parents more information.
- Summer Hours – Mr. Durgin indicated that last year the school realized significant energy savings by adopting the summer 4 day work week. While the other bargaining units now have this provision in their contracts, the custodial unit does not. Mr. Durgin recommended the Committee vote on a memorandum of agreement with the Custodial Bargaining unit that during the summer, 6/28-8/27, that the work week will be 4 days, 40 hrs/wk (vacation time to be charged 1.25).

**Motion 10-59:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to authorize the Chair to sign, the Memorandum of Agreement with the custodial bargaining unit with regards to summer hours as recommended by the Superintendent.

VOTE: All in Favor

**PUBLIC ACCESS II** - No Comments

**OLD BUSINESS**

Music Program Presentation

Mrs. Costello was first congratulated on the awards received at the Florida competition.

Mrs. Costello provided a handout - an overview of the Music Dept. programs/offerings provided since 2007 and the program for next year. She explained which are offered during the school day and which are after-school programs. She indicated the Brimfield music teacher would be taking over the Jazz Band. Mr. Lucas discussed upcoming scheduling adjustments that will result in more flexibility for students looking at music electives. The Committee thanked Mrs. Costello for her presentation of the Music Program.

Mrs. Neal invited Mr. Valcour to comment on the discussion. Mr. Valcour had previously presented a petition seeking reinstatement of a full time instrumental instructor position. He

asked that the school look at block scheduling and its impact on music offerings and asked the Committee to consider the position of a full time instrumental music instructor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tantasqua Educational Support Contract**

**Motion 10-60:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Tantasqua Educational Support contract.

VOTE: All in Favor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion 10-61:**

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to move into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. as provided under MGL Ch. 39, § 23(B)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; with the intent to reconvene in Open Session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes - Cooke, Earls, Haggerty, Richter, Tooley, Iller Noyes-Miller, O'Connell, Barnicle, Fitzgerald, Galonek, Neal, Simanski, Tichy, Anderstrom, Fife, Valanzola

**ADJOURN**

**Motion 10-63:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Haggerty, Secretary  
TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Note: The numbering of the motions take into account actions taken during the Joint Committee Meeting of May 18, 2010