

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Library – Tantasqua Junior High School

Mrs. Neal convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose to salute the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Deb Maher

Sturbridge

Pat Barnicle

Michelle Fitzgerald

Gary Galonek

William Haggerty

Kathleen Neal

Francis Simanski

Beth Tichy

Holland

Steve Anderstrom

Howard Fife

Eric Iller

Brookfield

James Cooke

William Gillmeister

Barbara Wilson

Wales

Michael Valanzola

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Sheila Noyes-Miller (Bm), Brenda Tooley (W)

ALSO PRESENT

Daniel Durgin, Superintendent; Erin Nosek, Associate Superintendent; Beth Schaper, Assistant Superintendent; Deborah Boyd, Business Manager; Mark Wood, Technical Division Director/Principal; Jennifer Lundwall, Jr. High Principal; Michael Lucas, High School Principal; Michelle Bourget, Student Representative, and audience.

1. MINUTES

Motion 10-85:

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to accept the meeting minutes of September 1, 2010 - Regular Session as amended.

Amendment:

- Page 1 - Barbara Wilson was present, but arrived late
- Page 1 – Mr. Galonek voted in favor of Mrs. Neal as Chairman – Change vote to “All in Favor”
- Page 5 – Motion 10-81 add: Erin Nosek as alternate voting member to SWCEC

VOTE: In Favor (14)

Abstained: Gillmeister

With regards to the Sept. 1st minutes - reorganization, Mr. Gillmeister commented that nominations do not need a second, but no point of order was made at that time.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd reported the office is still working on encumbering all known salaries and expenses for the upcoming year. There were no further discussions on the August 31, 2010 Financial Report.

Mrs. Boyd discussed changes in the state's funding. She indicated the Budget Subcommittee met on September 8th to discuss the anticipated funding changes. A portion of the transportation funding increase is assigned to reduce the impact of the 4% cut in Chap 70 funding; the SFSF (emergency stimulus funding) was reduced to \$39,957 and new Ed Jobs Grant funding made available. Mrs. Boyd indicated that as of September 8th, the

school had not applied for the Ed Jobs Grant funding (\$462,563) but she has been advised the funding is guaranteed and can be allocated back to July 1st to cover expenses. The Ed Jobs Grant can only be used for salaries and related expenses. These changes result in a positive net figure for these grant funds of \$356,915, as detailed in the handout titled TRSD FY11 Revenues. The Budget Subcommittee has recommended uses for the funding, including using \$100,000 to reduce transportation assessments to the member towns.

Motion 10-86:

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mr. Cooke, to reduce the FY2011 Transportation Assessments to \$358,263.00, the new assessment figures as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>New Assessment Figure</u>	<u>Reduction of:</u>
Brimfield	\$ 77,431.00	- \$ 21,613.00
Brookfield	\$ 60,481.00	- \$ 16,881.00
Holland	\$ 43,557.00	- \$ 12,158.00
Sturbridge	\$141,363.00	- \$ 39,458.00
Wales	<u>\$ 35,431.00</u>	<u>- \$ 9,890.00</u>
TOTALS:	\$358,263.00	-\$100,000.00

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion 10-87:

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Cooke, that contingent upon receiving Ed Job Grant funding as detailed, to accept the Budget Subcommittee’s recommendation for use of the additional grant funds of \$356,915 as follows:

1. Decrease transportation assessments (see Mtn 10-85) \$ 100,000.00
2. .5 Special Ed Teacher – HS \$ 37,443.00
- 9% retirement contribution \$ 3,370.00
3. ELL contracted services (new student - translating needs) \$ 20,000.00
4. Reading Program .4 (higher than expected counts in the program) \$ 25,000.00
5. SH Guidance position \$ 50,000.00
6. Balance TBD or rolled over to FY2012 \$ 121,102.00

VOTE: All in Favor

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Students - Michelle indicated that Student Council would hold elections seeking additional members to represent the student body at these meetings. She updated the Committee on student activities:

- Yearbook
- Homecoming
- Student Leadership Mentoring program – Freshman night

b. Budget – Actions taken under Financial Report.

c. Technical – No meeting, no report. Mrs. Tooley will be chairing this subcommittee.

d. Curriculum - No meeting, no report. Meeting scheduled: Oct. 28, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

e. By-Law & Policy – No meeting, no report. Meeting scheduled: Sept. 22, 2010

- f. Personnel – No meeting, no report.
- g. Negotiations – See Executive Session
- h. Building & Physical Plant – No meeting, no report.
- i. Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Mrs. Barnicle reporting the subcommittee is working on action steps to be distributed to the Committee when completed.

4. PUBLIC ACCESS I – No comments

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Letter to G. Koocher (MASC) – No comments.

Memo to Brimfield Selectmen – Joint meeting with the Brimfield TRSC members and the Selectmen to pursue the replacement of Geoff Earls who resigned from the TRSC on August 23, 2010 - yet to be scheduled.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Lucas explained the new alternate day scheduling and its affects on the AP courses offered.

The Committee asked what percentage of students are enrolled in the Technical Division. Mr. Durgin indicated the October 1st enrollment figures are to be included in the packet for the October meeting, but estimated approximately 25% are enrolled in the Tech Div.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Durgin reported on the following

- Meeting the Budget Subcommittee (see discussion under Financial Report)
- Met with Brimfield Finance Committee
- MSBA – See Motion 10-81 dated September 1, 2010 - Grant has been submitted and MSBA is promising a timely notification.
- Packets for the Solar project will be ready next month
- Civil Rights staff training (mandated)
- Professional Development Day – ½ day - September 29th - offerings were discussed.
- PSAT's – October 16th
- Financial Aid night – October 17th - discussion/information for college bound students/parents

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No Comments

9. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Regarding MCAS Scores & 766 Approved Schools

Motion 10-88:

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to update the prior resolution voted on September 1, 2010 (Motion 10-82) relative to amending the MASC resolution regarding MCAS Scores and 766 approved schools with the following wording:

Furthermore, since state control over the MCAS standards is vital for Massachusetts students both in 766 schools and in public schools, we call upon the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to override the July 21, 2010 vote of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopting national education standards; i.e., the Common Core standards in English language arts and mathematics, and retain the MCAS assessment based on the state's own curriculum frameworks.

VOTE: All in Favor

10. NEW BUSINESS

Voting Member – MASC

Motion 10-89:

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to appoint James Cooke, as the voting member at the MASC Conference.

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion 10-90:

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Simanski, to appoint Michael Valanzola as the alternate-voting member at the MASC Conference.

VOTE: In Favor (14)
Abstained: M. Valanzola

MCAS – Junior High

Mr. Durgin commented that Tantasqua Junior High was listed as a commended school for improved MCAS scores in both the Worcester and Springfield newspapers.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 10-91:

Mr. Fife motioned, seconded by Mr. Simanski, to move into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. as provided under MGL Chap. 30A, §21(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining or litigation because as the Chair declared an open meeting may have a detrimental affect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body. Motion is made with the intent to reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjourning.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES – Anderstrom, Barnicle, Cooke, Fife, Fitzgerald, Galonek, Gillmeister, Haggerty, Iller, Maher, Neal, Simanski, Tichy, Valanzola, Wilson

ADJOURN

Motion 10-92:

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Haggerty, Secretary
TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE