

**TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting of Tuesday, October 19, 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  
Sheila Noyes-Miller

Sturbridge

Pat Barnicle  
Michelle Fitzgerald  
Gary Galonek

Holland

Steve Anderstrom  
Howard Fife

Brookfield

James Cooke  
William Gillmeister

Kathleen Neal  
Francis Simanski  
Beth Tichy

Wales

Brenda Tooley (arrived 7:24 pm)  
Michael Valanzola

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Barbara Wilson (Bk), Eric Iller (H), William Haggerty (S)

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, Desiree Hagen, Patrick Lyons and Megan McIntyre, Student Representatives; and audience.

**1. MINUTES**

**Motion 10-94:**

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to accept the meeting minutes of September 21, 2010 - Regular Session as amended.

Amendment:

- Page 4 – Motion 10-91, 3<sup>rd</sup> line should read: “.....bargaining or litigation **because, as the Chair declared**, an open meeting may.....”

VOTE:           In Favor (12)  
                  Abstained: Noyes-Miller

Approval of the Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Executive Session minutes is on hold because the issue discussed is not yet resolved.

**2. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Boyd reported that the office is moving forward per the votes taken at the last meeting (Motions 10-86 & 10-87),

Mrs. Boyd noted work on the FY2012 budget has already begun.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Students - Students introduced themselves and reported on the following:

- Yearbook (theme will be momentum)

- New club: Reality web series which will demonstrate the affects of negative and positive behaviors. Club will have an advisor and content will be reviewed prior to posting.
- Sports programs updates.
- Culinary Program participated in the Heritage Festival in Sturbridge.
- SkillsUSA
- Allied Health Program
- Leadership Mentoring program
- Megan McIntyre discussed her positive experience coming to Tantasqua as a new student and how welcomed she felt.

b. Budget – No meeting, no report.

c. Technical – No meeting, no report.

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

e. By-Law & Policy – See votes on Policies under New Business

f. Personnel – No meeting, no report.

g. Negotiations – Mr. Durgin indicated the Custodians Unit A and Food Service Unit B have yet to ratify the contract.

h. Building & Physical Plant – Mr. Durgin indicated that the Subcommittee postponed their meeting. The Solar project contract is still under review.

i. Ad Hoc Subcommittee – No meeting, no report.

**4. PUBLIC ACCESS I** – No comments

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

October 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment figures – No comments

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Cooke asked about the names of the coaches for the sports programs listed in the SH report. Mr. Lucas indicated the names were on the web, but he would provide the names for the next meeting.

The Committee asked about the morale of the Football team. Mr. Lucas indicated the students are playing hard and morale seems fine, regardless of the number of wins/losses.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Durgin reported on the following

- TEd Foundation – Brunch - November 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am

- Grant recipients of the John & Abigail Adams scholarships will be notified next week.
- Committee members were asked to contact Ms. Nosek with any questions they would like to have included in the Thanksgiving Breakfast survey.
- Report on MCAS – Mr. Durgin asked Mrs. Schaper to review the October 2010 MCAS results. Mrs. Schaper reviewed the following materials.
  - MCAS Report: Tantasqua Regional Senior High School & Vocational School
  - MCAS Report: Tantasqua Regional Junior High School.
  - Measuring Achievement & Growth, October 2010

**8. PUBLIC ACCESS II** - No Comments

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

MOA – Local 888 – tabled until contract is ratified by the union.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

School Calendar 2011-12 - Mr. Durgin indicated the Chairs of all school committees met and decided to forgo the October joint meeting. Each committee will need to vote on the calendar separately. The calendar provides for a post-Labor Day school start.

**Motion 10-95:**

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Durgin indicated the Burgess building project is slated to be completed August 12, 2011, so the later opening date would provide time to equip and furnish the school. The Committee also noted the later start would affect the sports try-outs.

VOTE: All in Favor

Policy – IJNDD Social Networking Websites

**Motion 10-96:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to approve for first reading Policy IJNDD Social Networking Websites.

Discussion: Mr. Cooke felt the policy should be reviewed by school legal counsel before the Committee approved. Mr. Gillmeister added that the policy had no legal referencing to support the policy. Mr. Cooke also questioned the reference to computer use – school's or personal computers, adding that while he was in agreement with the intent and need for the policy, he was concerned the policy may be in violation of the First Amendment. Mr. Cooke expressed his concern over #6, noting inappropriate behavior was not defined. Mr. Durgin noted that although legal counsel did not review, the MASC attorneys did review the policy before recommending it.

**Motion 10-97:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Galonek, to refer Policy IJNDD to the School Committee's attorney for his review and opinion on the legality of the policy and ask the attorney for a written report with suggestions for any wording changes. Further, the policy is to be re-routed through the Bylaws & Policy Subcommittee prior to being put before the full School Committee for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading vote.

VOTE: In Favor (9)  
Opposed: (5) Barnicle, Fitzgerald, Maher, Simanski and Tichy

VOTE (10-96) In Favor (10)  
Abstained: (1) Cooke

Policy – JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

**Motion 10-98:**

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to approve for first reading Policy JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

Friendly amendment accepted by Chair: Page 3, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph under Investigation Procedures, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, last line: Insert word: .....action has **been** or shall.....

Discussion: Mr. Cooke distributed a list of proposed changes to the policy to be discussed. Each item was discussed.

**Motion 10-99:**

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to amend the Policy in Motion 10-98 as follows:

Page 1, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph (changes indicated in bold): Bullying and cyber-bullying **that disrupts the educational process** may occur.

Page 2, paragraph 4 – add: **Furthermore, the principal of each building shall be pro-active in curbing bullying by fostering a learning climate at each school that promotes tolerance for all individuals.**

Discussion resulted in Mr. Valanzola withdrawing his second and Mr. Cooke withdrawing the motion.

**Motion 10-100:**

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to amend Motion 10-98 as follows:

Page 1, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph (added changes indicated in bold): Bullying and cyber-bullying **that disrupts the educational process** may occur.

**Motion 10-101:**

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Cooke, to further amend Motion 10-100 by adding words:

Bullying and cyber-bullying that disrupts the educational process **or orderly operation of the school** may occur.

VOTE: In Favor (13)  
Opposed (1) Maher

VOTE on Motion 10-100 as amended by 10-101  
In Favor (13)  
Opposed (1) Barnicle

**Motion 10-102:**

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Cooke, to amend the Policy in Motion 10-98 as follows:

Page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under Training and Assessment – change K to 12 students to: 7 to 12 students.

Discussion: Mr. Durgin explained that this is a policy being proposed for all schools and that it is better to have just one policy encompassing all schools across the district.

VOTE:           In Favor (2) Cooke, Gillmeister  
                  Opposed: (12)

Further discussion on the main motion, as amended – Mr. Cooke expressed his concern with regards to Page 3, paragraph 7 referring to calling in law enforcement. He was concerned being a five-town district about which town's police department would be called in. The Committee discussed the matter, feeling any incident which might occur within Sturbridge boundaries should be handled by the Sturbridge Police Department. Committee members were confident that the law enforcement agency in which any student resides would be properly notified by the Sturbridge Police Dept.

VOTE on main Motion 10-98, as amended.

In Favor:       (13)  
Abstained:     ( 1) Cooke

Donations

**Motion 10-103:**

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Simanski, to accept the donation of \$50.00 designated to the electrical division.

VOTE:           All in Favor

**Motion 10-104:**

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to accept the donation of chairs for the Junior High School.

VOTE:           All in Favor

**ADJOURN**

**Motion 10-105:**

Mr. Gillmeister motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

VOTE:           All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
William Haggerty, Secretary  
TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE