

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, November 16, 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

Thaddeus France
Deb Maher
Sheila Noyes-Miller

Brookfield

James Cooke
William Gillmeister
Barbara Wilson

Sturbridge

Pat Barnicle
Michelle Fitzgerald
Kathleen Neal
Francis Simanski
William Haggerty

Holland

Steve Anderstrom
Howard Fife
Eric Iller

Wales

Michael Valanzola

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gary Galonek (S), Beth Tichy (S), 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, Patrick Lyons and Megan McIntyre, Student Representatives; and audience.

1. MINUTES

Motion 10-106:

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to accept the meeting minutes of October 19, 2010 - Regular Session.

VOTE: In Favor (12)
 Abstained: (3 Abstain)

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd reported that there are no significant issues; starting to build budgets with subcommittees in January.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Chicago – Musical this weekend Friday/Saturday/Sunday
- Tech- Jr. students half way through carpenter training, building sets for Chicago. Working on sign for Town of Holland
- Computer Technology – Redesign computer page. Sr.'s searching for internships within the Spencer, Sturbridge and Brookfield area. "Trust" is the program.
- Chowder Fest at Bay path; Won first place in Chef's Competition/ specialty chowder
- Sphere in a box project – Starts off as a sphere, specific codes received, program solving, made a new program with 46,500 codes, completing the project with 40 min. per side.

- Yearbook continued its momentum, covers design. Theme is momentum, motion blur shot. Freshman leadership program. There will be a page on injured students-Fallen warriors...
- Student's council doing well
- Food drive
- Homecoming- Haunting homecomings; concessions, lighting. Very successful. 500 students attended

b. Budget – No meeting, no report.

c. Technical – No meeting, no report. Meeting scheduled 29th Nov. 7:00 p.m.

d. Curriculum - Met Oct 28th.

- Class size report indicates appropriate levels of staffing
- Taking care to balance class sizes during scheduling
- Career/College Prep Night – discussion of models
- Summer Reading Report and discussion of benefits and the history of the program

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

f. Personnel – No meeting, no report.

g. Negotiations – No meeting, no report Mr. Durgin indicated the Custodians Unit A and Food Service Unit B have yet to ratify the contract.

h. Building & Physical Plant –Dec. 7, 6:00 p.m. 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

Warrior coaching staff 2010-2011

Class Size Reports (change in regards to spelling of “literature”)

Article on Preliminary Approval MSBA

E and D certification Letter

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mike Valanzola – Excellent report provided by Mrs. Sullivan regarding field trips and the Senior Center.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Durgin reported on the following

- Telegram and the MSBA – Board meeting tomorrow Tantasqua/Brookfield regarding the roof for Tantasqua and the window replacements for Brookfield Elementary. After the meeting they will notify the school districts that will be receiving initial funding, process from there is to hire a project manager and designer. Requested a waiver so the that the solar company could participate in the process of doing the roof and the solar, waiting to hear back from that, in the interim still following through with MSBA, hopeful to form a partnership with the solar company and the MSBA. In December a recommendation will be made to the full committee, after meeting with the building and physical plant, trying to secure their support,

moving into the full committee in a way to pay for the roof. Exciting program called “The Green Repair Program.”

- Ted Brunch – Sunday, supporting the students in the districts with the Grants
- MASC/Mass Conference – Very good speakers, discussing Facebook Social Networking Presentation.
- Fiscal Friday – State of State/Government
- Regional school systems- Presented on a panel, What is and is not working.
- Yellow card – Mailed out regarding Thanksgiving day surveys for Alumni’s
- Hall of Fame Inductees – Cafeteria at the high school prior to Shepard Hill Tantasqua game at 9:00 a.m.
- Conversations with communities – Sturbridge recently discussed with the town manager, starting budget conversations in terms of where the town is. In the initial stages working with the principals formulating budgets ready for our budget subcommittee.
- Request- To move the next meeting to High School on December 21st. Superintendent Scholar presentation/musical performance from one of our groups.
- December – Will be a report from the Energy Manager in regards to the savings and where we are with program.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS II - No Comments

9. OLD BUSINESS

Policy IJNDD Social Networking – Bylaw and Policy Meeting recommended that we put aside for further consideration, not sure if policy fits the district. Recommendation to continue to work on, as opposed to taking a vote tonight. Opinion from attorney was that the policy as written was fine to move forward, Mr. Durgin has heard from a number of other attorneys and will be working with the policy subcommittee; making some adjustments in terms of the piece in and outside of school. Mr. Durgin will submit a copy of attorney’s report via email to the committee.

Motion 10-107:

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the reading of JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention Policy on Second Reading for discussion.

VOTE: All in Favor

Discussion:

Discussions from last time and grammatical changes have taken place.

Questions regarding policy/plan - Plan will be brought to the committee in December, seeking a vote and endorsement by December 31st. The plan will be laid out for all schools, Tantasqua to concentrate on their own piece. It will be similar to the acceptable use policy; addressing how to report anonymously.

Motion 10-108:

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention Policy.

VOTE: Unanimous

MASC/Mass Conference – Mr. Valanzola noted that it was a good conference this year. Attended breakout sessions regarding what the budget is going to look like going into this year. Regionalization was discussed regarding a bill that relates to Chapter 70. Commended Dan on speaking publicly providing an excellent presentation, providing answers on many questions and structures. Another breakout session attended was the “Preparing Kids for the 21st Century” – Professors from the University of Massachusetts that had traveled to several different countries such as China, Japan, Europe and East Asia; comparing the development and education in those countries to what we are doing here, a fascinating presentation. Jim Prouty was one of the keynote speakers; it was a good conference.

Mr. Cooke – Delegate assembly regarding Amendment that was brought fourth appealed to assembly, didn’t win vote; will bring up under New Business for plan/discussion.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10-109:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve the JICH Alcohol and Drug Use Policy with amendments on First Reading.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mrs. Nosek provided a new copy of Policy IJNDB Acceptable Electronic Network Use Policy and discussed changes/additions to review.

Motion 10-110:

Mr. Valanzola motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to approve the IJNDB Acceptable Use Policy with amendments on First Reading.

VOTE: Unanimous

Discussion.

Motion 10-111:

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to add to Policy IJNDB the phrase on page 2 under World Wide Web “Without the permission of the Principal or Superintendent”

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 10-112:

Mr. Simanski motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to add to Policy IJNDB, second bullet down on page two end of first sentence add “and or campaigning”

VOTE: Unanimous

VOTE on Motion 10-110 on Policy IJNDB as amended by 10-111 and 10-112

In Favor- (14)

Opposed (1) Gillmeister

Motion 10-113:

Mr. Simanski motioned, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to authorize the chair to sign the Memorandum of Agreement Local 888 presented in the packet.

Discussion: Mr. Valanzola noted that sitting on the negotiation team, stood firm on items that were important to the district, very happy with the agreement.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Valanzola noted that as a selectman representative that he is also voting affirmative.

Mr. Cooke would like to bring back a resolution for next year regarding “Common Core Resolution” to place on the agenda. This will be added to next month’s packet to discuss in length. Mrs. Barnicle inquired if there is anything we can do in the mean time other than a resolution. Mr. Cooke noted that we could as a committee ask our own state representatives to file legislation, but as recalled in the last gubernatorial campaign there was an issue in the campaign, feeling it is stronger if the MASC took a position on this. Mr. Valanzola agreed with Mrs. Barnicle to propose to the MASC but also our representatives from the general court, seeking Senator Brewer to file legislation on our behalf, perhaps a discussion on both topics on the agenda.

Mr. Lucas noted that the Thanksgiving Day tickets are being printed. When available, they will be located in the Central Office. Mr. Durgin will notify everyone via email regarding the tickets.

ADJOURN

Motion 10-114:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Gillmeister, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
William Haggerty, Secretary
TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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