

TANTASQUA REGIONAL / UNION #61 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
JOINT MEETING
May 19, 2009

Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Barnicle called the Tantasqua Regional and Union #61 School Committees to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose to salute the flag.

Brimfield

Sharon Palmer
Dan Valcour
Susan Hilker

Sturbridge

Patricia Barnicle
Kate Alexander
Lisa Cave
Angeline Ellison

Tantasqua

Patricia Barnicle
James Cook
Geoff Earls
James Ehrhard
Donald Faugno
Howard Fife
Michele Fitzgerald
William Haggerty
Susan Hilker
Michael Kennedy
Mary McGlynn
Kathleen Neal
Sheila Noyes-Miller
Peter O'Connell
Francis Simanski
Beth Tichy
Brenda Tooley

Brookfield

Donald Faugno
Sheila Frangiamore
Barbara Wilson

Holland

Steve Anderstrom
Wales
Brenda Tooley
Trent Bradbury
Ed Boyce
Karen Blasco

NOT PRESENT

Brimfield: Mark Richter, Jody Fleshman
Holland: Steve Burns, Christine Croke, Erik Iller, Sue Kennedy
Sturbridge: Dawn Pratt
Wales: David Nascembeni
Tantasqua: Steve Anderstrom

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel Durgin, Superintendent; Deborah Boyd, Business Manager; Ted Friend, Associate Superintendent; Beth Schaper, Assistant Superintendent; members of the press and audience.

MINUTES

Motion – Tantasqua 09-01:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008.

VOTE: In Favor (13) Abstained: (2)

* Mr. Earls and Mr. Ehrhard arrived after above vote.

Motion - Union #61 09-01

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mrs. Frangiamore, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008.

VOTE: In Favor (9) Abstained: (3)

2009 DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Discussion: Mr. Durgin and Mrs. Schaper presented and answered questions. Mrs. Tooley requested discussion on goal of "connecting all students to at least one adult".

2010 DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Durgin and Mrs. Schaper presented and answered questions. Mrs. Alexander initiated discussion around 2009 4th goal on Community Outreach, asking why it was dropped from the 2010 goals. The Superintendent agreed it would be appropriate to put back in.

Motion – Union #61 09-02:

Mrs. Ellison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, to add goal # 4 from the 2009 DIP to the 2010 DIP and revise the objectives as appropriate.

VOTE: In Favor (11) Abstained: (1)

Motion – Tantasqua 09-02:

Mrs. Hilker motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, to add goal # 4 from the 2009 DIP to the 2010 DIP and revise the objectives as appropriate.

VOTE: In Favor (10) Opposed (6) Abstained: (1)

Discussion: Some members expressed concern that the motion was not clear enough around objectives. Mr. Durgin clarified that those pertaining to Connect-ed would be removed and items a,b,d,e would be kept.

Motion – Union #61 09-03:

Mrs. Ellison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Blasco, to approve the 2010 DIP as amended

VOTE: In Favor (12)

Motion – Tantasqua 09-03:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. McGlynn, to approve the 2010 DIP as amended

VOTE: In Favor (17)

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Mrs. Neal explained that the committee Chairs recommend moving the Superintendent's evaluation to October to keep it in line with his current contract.

Motion – Tantasqua 09-04:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. McGlynn, to move the Superintendent's evaluation to October.

VOTE: In Favor (17)

Motion – Union #61 09-04:

Mrs. Ellison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Frangiamore, to move the Superintendent's evaluation to October.

VOTE: In Favor (12)

UPDATE ON FY 2009 GOALS

Included in the packet. No discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Motion – Tantasqua 09-05:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, to set up an evaluation team to consist of the TRSD chair, the Union 61 chair and the chair of the TRSD Negotiations sub-committee

VOTE: In Favor (16) Opposed (1)

Motion – Union #61 09-05:

Mrs. Alexander motioned, seconded by Mrs. Ellison, to set up an evaluation team to consist of the TRSD chair, the Union 61 chair and the chair of the TRSD Negotiations sub-committee

VOTE: In Favor (12)

NEW BUSINESS

James Cooke discussed concerns with the process for setting Superintendent goals.

Motion – Tantasqua 09-06:

Mr. Cooke motioned, seconded by Mr. Ehrhard, that TRSD set up a sub-committee to set goals for the Superintendent.

Discussion: Mr. Durgin explained goals must be mutually agreed upon, per his contract. Mr. Cooke agreed but would like a formal mechanism for those discussions. Other committee members discussed how each committee works on goal requests. It was suggested that the current process be enhanced by just setting clear timelines each year on when input on goals must be submitted.

Motion – Tantasqua 09-07:

Mrs. McGlynn motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to move the question.

VOTE: In Favor 16 Opposed (1)

On initial motion:

VOTE: In Favor (4) Opposed (12) Abstained (1)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Tantasqua 09-08:

Mr. Haggerty motioned, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion – Union #61 09-06:

Mrs. Ellison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Frangiamore, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor