

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Union #61 & Tantasqua Regional School Committees

Meeting of Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Library – Tantasqua Junior High School

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Jennifer Custance *
Jennifer Foley *
Michele-Lee Shea *

Sturbridge

Mary Bellezza *

Tantasqua

Patricia Barnicle
Mary Bellezza
Megan Cunningham
Michelle Fitzgerald
William Gillmeister
William Haggerty
Erik Iller
Susan Kline
Kristen Leo
Mary Lovett
Sheila Noyes-Miller
Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola
Dan Valcour

Brookfield

Megan Cunningham *

Wales

Amy Bishop *
Christine Randall *
Lindsay Valanzola *

Holland

Erik Iller*
Laura Alden *

*Denotes Union 61 voting members

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brimfield: Rusty Corriveau, Delia Bower
Brookfield: Kyle Hill, Brian Oxman
Holland: Cheryl Raymond
Sturbridge: Kate Alexander, Scott Parker, Kristen Tuohey, Megan Panek
Wales: Carolyn Boehne, Cindy Lena
Tantasqua: Delia Brower, Sharron O'Day, Cheryl Raymond, Susan Waters

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Business/Finance; and audience.

Mr. Valanzola convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Members rose to salute the flag.

Dr. Nosek introduced Elizabeth (Betsy) Philpott, Coordinator of Student Support Services.

1. UNION #61 CHAIR SELECTION

Mr. Valanzola reported that Mr. Gillen, current Union #61 Chair, has requested he be replaced. Mr. Valanzola called for nominations from the Union #61 members for the position of Chair.

Motion:

Union #61 Motion #18-01

Ms. Valanzola nominated Megan Cunningham for the position of Union #61 Chair, seconded by Ms. Bishop.

VOTE: All in Favor

2. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Mr. Valanzola indicated the Special Rules of Order for joint committee meetings was included in the packet for the committees' review.

3. MINUTES

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #18-11

Union #61 Motion #18-02

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Leo, to accept the Joint Committee minutes of November 15, 2016 as presented.

VOTE - Union #61: In Favor (9), Abstained (1) Bishop
- Tantasqua: In Favor (11), Abstained (1) Kline

4. CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #18-12
Union #61 Motion #18-03

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the Central Office Budget for FY2019 as presented.

VOTE – Union #61: All in Favor
- Tantasqua: All in Favor

5. FY18-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #18-13
Union #61 Motion #18-04

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle to approve the FY2018-19 School Calendar as presented.

VOTE – Union #61: All in Favor
- Tantasqua: All in Favor

6. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION & GOALS

Mr. Valanzola reviewed the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee formed to establish the Superintendent's goals and subsequent evaluations. The annual timing has been adjusted to an April to April cycle to accommodate for the election cycles of the member towns. This timing change allows for the members who had worked with the Superintendent during their elected terms to evaluate her performance. With the prior timing cycle, newly elected members, without extensive knowledge about the Superintendent's performance, were being asked to complete the evaluation survey. For the current cycle, the goals were pro-rated to reflect the reduced time of October to April. Going forward, goals will be adjusted to reflect a full year. Mr. Valanzola reviewed last year's performance results from TRSD & Union #61 survey respondents. Mrs. Barnicle asked that the Chair issue a press release regarding the Superintendent's positive evaluation.

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #18-14
Union #61 Motion #18-05

Mrs. Barnicle moved, seconded by Mrs. Noyes-Miller, to accept the Superintendent's Goals 2017-18 (October – April) as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Valanzola reviewed the four goals developed by the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. He reminded members that they were provided multiple opportunities to comment and provide suggestions and the committee discussed all that were submitted.

VOTE – Union #61: All in Favor
- Tantasqua: All in Favor

OTHER

Committee members joined Dr. Nosek in her best wishes to Mr. Zanghi as he moves to his Superintendent position in Berlin-Boylston.

ADJOURN

Motion:

Tantasqua Motion #18-15
Union #61 Motion #18-06

Mr. Haggerty moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnicle, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm.

VOTE – Union #61: All in Favor
- Tantasqua: All in Favor