

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

Meeting of Wednesday, November 29, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield

Jennifer Custance **
Lore Knouse ***
Joseph Venezia *

Sturbridge

Jacqueline Chechile *
Whitney Goodwin
Jennah Ventetuolo ***

Tantasqua

Laura Alden
Megan Cunningham
Jennifer Custance ****
Andrew Dunn
Elias Gillen
Ted Goodwin
Whitney Goodwin
Candice Greene
William Haggerty
Karen Kowal
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane
Kristen Leo (see Special Notation)
Sheila Noyes-Miller
Megan Panek
Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola

Brookfield

Nicole Chaffee *
Megan Cunningham *

Wales

Carolyn Boehne *
Ed Boyce *
Christine Randall *

Holland

Laura Alden *
Candice Greene ***,

* Union #61 Voting Members
** 1st Alt
*** 2nd Alt

**** Counts for 2 votes

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brimfield: Eric Jaeger*, Brian McNally *
Brookfield: Jeffrey Morin *
Holland: Erik Iller *, Amanda Joppas **, Sarah Naples *
Sturbridge: Mary Burns, Samantha Kaitbenski *,
Wales: John Croke ***, Ashley Gallant **
Tantasqua: Mary Bellezza, Michelle Fitzgerald

ALSO PRESENT

Deborah Boyd, Superintendent; Kristen Leo, Director of Business & Finance and audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola convened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. with those in attendance rising for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. MINUTES

Motion:

Union 61: #FY24-01

Tantasqua: #FY24-13

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Haggerty, to approve the Joint Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola asked if there were any objections to the motion, hearing none he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

Abstained: Boyce, Gillen

2. 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion:

Union 61 Motion: #FY24-02

Tantasqua: #FY24-14

Mrs. Randall moved, seconded by Mr. Boyce to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented.

Motion:

Union 61: #FY24-02

Tantasqua: #FY24-15

Mrs. Lamoureux-Kane moved, seconded by Mrs. Chechile to amend the previous motion as follows: Change the Early Release Professional Development Day from October 10th to October 17th.

VOTE to amend motion:

Union 61: In Favor (1), Opposed (9)

Tantasqua: In Favor (1), Opposed (10)

Motion fails, return to original motion.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola asked if there were any objections to the original motion, hearing none he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

3. FY25 CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

Motion:

Union 61: #FY24-03

Tantasqua: #FY24-16

As a recommendation of the Tantasqua Budget Subcommittee, the following motion does not require a second to the motion.

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved to approve the Central Office Budget at \$1,761,579.00 as presented.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola asked if there were any objections to the motion, hearing none he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

4. OCTOBER 1ST ENROLLMENT FIGURES

The enrollment figures were included in the packet to show the connection between each town's student enrollment figures and the impact on the towns assessments.

5. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The District Improvement Plan was included in the packet for the member's review.

6. ADJOURN

Motion:

Union 61: #FY24-04:

Mr. Boyce moved, seconded by Mrs. Chechile, to adjourn the Union 61 meeting at 6:21 pm.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola asked Union 61 members if there were any objections to the motion, hearing none, he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

NOTE: Mr. Valanzola recessed the Tantasqua portion of the meeting until 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Noyes-Miller,
Secretary – Tantasqua Regional School Committee

Laura Alden,
Secretary – Union 61