TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Tantasqua Regional High School - Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield
Jennifer Custance
Eric Jaeger
Sheila Noyes-Miller

Brookfield
Nicole Chaffee
Andrew Dunn
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane

Sturbridge
Ted Goodwin
Whitney Goodwin
William Haggerty
Karen Kowal
Megan Mooney
Megan Panek

Holland
Laura Alden
Eli Gillen

Wales
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT
Candice Greene, (H); Michele Fitzgerald; (S) Christine Randall (W)

ALSO PRESENT
Deborah Boyd, Superintendent; Jodi Bourassa, Assistant Superintendent; Kristen Leo, Business and Finance Director; Dr. Peter Dufresne, HS Principal; Greg Sturges, JH Principal; Jamie Ribaudo, Interim Director/Principal Technical; and audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 6:54 pm asking those in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. REORGANIZATION

The meeting was given to Mrs. Boyd for the purpose of reorganization. Mrs. Boyd called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Motion FY26-60:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller nominated Michael Valanzola for the position of Chair, seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Mrs. Boyd called for additional nominations, hearing none, she closed nominations and called for a vote.

VOTE: All in Favor (voice vote)

Mr. Valanzola thanked the members for their support and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Motion FY26-61:

Mr. Haggerty nominated Andrew Dunn for the position of Vice-Chair, seconded by Mrs. Custance. Mr. Valanzola called for additional nominations, hearing none, he closed nominations and called for a vote.

VOTE: All in Favor (voice vote)

Mr. Valanzola took a moment to thank Mr. Haggerty for his mentorship and friendship during the many years Mr. Haggerty served as Vice Chair.

Mr. Valanzola called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Motion FY26-62:

Mr. Haggerty nominated Shiela Noyes-Miller for the position of Secretary, seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Mr. Valanzola called for additional nominations, hearing none, he closed nominations and called for a vote.

VOTE: All in Favor (voice vote)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion FY26-63:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, to approve the minutes of April 29, 2026 - Regular Session.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola called for objections, hearing none, he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent. Abstentions: Jaeger, Alden, Gillen, W. Goodwin, Mooney, Panek

Motion FY26-64:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, to approve the minutes of April 29, 2026 - Executive Session.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola called for objections, hearing none, he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent. Abstentions: Jaeger, Alden, Gillen, W. Goodwin, Mooney, Panek

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Leo reviewed the report, noting the budget is as expected at this time of year and revenues are on track to meet budgeted amounts.

5. STUDENT REPORTS

Class Night is Thursday, May 28th.

Mrs. Lamoureux-Kane and Mr. Jaeger discussed their meeting with the five students from Student Advisory group . Students expressed concerns on various topics. Mr. Valanzola asked the Committee members to send him an email detailing the student concerns and he'll compile them to see if the concerns can be addressed.

6. STAFF REPORTS –The principals submitted written reports and briefly highlighted the following.

Junior High - Mr. Sturges discussed:

- Memorial Day ceremony planned on May 22nd.
- School Play – *"Dinner in Oz"*.
- MCAS – Civics (last MCAS this school year)
- Public Safety Day
- Field trips and end of year activities

Technical – Ms. Ribaudo discussed:

- Electrical students have assisted at every district school.
- Six have passed the CNA tests and will be pinned.
- House project should be completed by the end of the year.
- Manufacturing has new computer systems, teachers will be starting PD on the systems.
- Business Tech students working on 250 celebrations
- Culinary has been supporting various requests.

High School – Dr. Dufresne discussed:

- Graduation – Saturday May 30th at 11:00; rain date: Sunday, May 31st
- Prom
- Attended the MAVA dinner and attended a SkillsUSA competition
- English Department is using AI and looking at potential abuse.
- Student Council attended a Leadership Conference
- Student Council – Teacher Appreciation Week activities
- Athletics and Performing Arts are wrapping up their programs.
- Senior of the Month.
- Graduate Breakfast – Friday, May 28th at 8:00 am.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Budget – Mrs. Noyes indicated the Tantasqua budget has passed in two towns, with the remaining three Annual meetings to be held early June.

b) Technical - No report.

c) Curriculum - No report

d) By-Law & Policy – The following motions were presented by the subcommittee and therefore do not require a second to the motion

Motion FY26-65:

Mrs. Lamoureux-Kane moved to approve the following policies as noted:

JLC-1 Wellness Policy – Amend Second Reading and Adoption.

BDB School Committee Officers – Amend Second Reading and Adoption

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola called for objections, hearing none, he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

Motion FY26-66:

Mrs. Lamoureux-Kane moved to adopt the amendments on page 7 of the Tantasqua Regional School Committee By-Laws, as presented.

VOTE: Mr. Valanzola called for objections, hearing none, he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

e) Negotiations - No report

f) Building & Physical Plant - No report.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Boyd discussed the following:

- Two district towns have approved the Tantasqua budget request, she doesn't anticipate any issues with the remaining towns.
- Rural Aid – Hoping the Senate will approve with a positive outcome.
- This is the final meeting with Jamie Ribaudo, Interim Director/Principal Technical. Jamie is staying in her previous position but didn't have an interest in the permanent Director's position. Mrs. Boyd indicated that George Scobie has been hired and will start July 1, 2026.
- The Worcester Magazine Article re: School Custodian, Bob Collins

8. COMMUNICATIONS
   - SWCEC Q3 Report – Distributed electronically
   - Mass Association of School Superintendents – Letter to Governor

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No comments

10. NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Valanzola noted there will be no meeting in June, unless deemed necessary.

11. PUBLIC ACCESS - No comments

12. OPEN FORUM - No comments

13. ADJOURN

Motion FY26-67:

Mrs. Noyes-Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

VOTE: All in Favor (voice vote)

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Noyes-Miller, Secretary

NOTATION: Motions #FY26-53 through #FY26-59 were made during the Joint Meeting with Union #61.
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