TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Tantasqua Regional High School - Library

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brimfield
Jennifer Custance

Brookfield
Nichole Chaffee
Andrew Dunn
Danielle Lamoureux-Kane

Sturbridge
Whitney Goodwin
Karen Kowal

Megan Panek

Holland
Laura Alden
Candice Greene

Wales
Christine Randall
Michael Valanzola

NOT PRESENT
Sheila Noyes-Miller, Eric Jaeger (Bm); Eli Gillen (H); Michele Fitzgerald, Ted Goodwin, William Haggerty, Megan Mooney (S)

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; Ben Bachand and Kiara "Kiki" Gonzalez, Student Representatives and audience.

PUBLIC HEARING – TANTASQUA FY2027 BUDGET
JH Cafeteria

Mr. Valanzola called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He indicated that following the Public Hearing, the Tantasqua Committee would call its regular meeting to order in the Library and vote on the budget which would be presented to the member towns.
Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Leo provided a power-point presentation and discussed the proposed FY2027 budget, highlighting the changes in revenue/funding and where the school added staff and/or programming. Mrs. Boyd discussed the overall changing enrollment numbers and the Technical Program's increased enrollment from district students, thereby reducing revenue from OOD Technical tuitions.
With no questions from the audience, Mr. Valanzola closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Valanzola called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm asking those in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion FY26-38:

Mrs. Randall moved, seconded by Mrs. Alden, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2026 - Regular Session.

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

3. FINANCIAL REPORT – See 6. Committee Reports - Budget

4. STUDENT REPORTS

Kiki Gonzalez provided an update on the Technical Program:

- CAD
- Carpentry Building Project
- Culinary
- Health
- Marketing
- Computer Technology
- Electrical – Community projects
- Manufacturing

Ben Bachand provided an update on Student Council activities:

- Unified Bocce tournament
- Regional conference – 8 delegates participated – Winter Day of Service
- "Souper" Bowl – food donations for the Wales Food Pantry
- Focused on finishing winter sports and gearing up for spring sports
- Paper hearts with names of students and staff posted on the walls (Valentine activity)
- Snow Days

STAFF REPORTS – With the most recent meeting only two weeks ago, the principals did not submit written reports, but briefly highlighted the following:

Junior High - Mr. Sturges discussed:

- Show Choir
- Pathways
- Field trips and end of year activities

Technical – Ms. Ribaudo discussed:

- SkillsUSA testing
- Our Bright Leaders program

High School – Dr. Dufresne discussed:

- Winter Sports wrap-up and preparing for spring sports
- Graduation team – beginning to plan for all related activities
- Spring Play – rehearsals
- Proud of the relationship with local communities who asked for help with shoveling during the blizzard and appreciative of the Technical students who volunteered to help.
- 2026-2027 Scheduling and planning
- Summer Camp Planning meeting

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Budget – The following motions were unanimously supported by the Budget Subcommittee and therefore do not require a second to the motion.

Motion FY26-39:

Mr. Valanzola moved to set the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2027 Total Operating Budget in the amount of $30,429,531.00.

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

Motion FY26-40:

Mr. Valanzola moved to set the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2027 Net Operating Assessment in the amount of $16,609,082.00, broken down as follows:

Brimfield	Brookfield	Holland		Sturbridge	Wales
$2,897,114	$1,950,503	$1,695,013		$9,088,636	$977,816

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

Motion FY26-41:

Mr. Valanzola moved to set the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2027 Transportation Assessment in the amount of $279,730.00, broken down as follows:

Brimfield	Brookfield	Holland	Sturbridge	Wales
$55,639	$59,300	$37,884	$94,362	$32,544

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

Motion FY26-42:

Mr. Valanzola moved to set the Tantasqua Regional School District FY2027 Capital Plan expense in the amount of $1,206,000.00 as noted:

Total Capital & Technology	$601,000
Operational School Choice	$400,000
Turf Debt	$205,000

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

b) Technical - No meeting, no report

c) Curriculum - See discussion – 9. Unfinished Business/Program of Studies.

d) By-Law & Policy – See 9. Unfinished Business – By-Law & Policy votes.

e) Negotiations - No meeting, no report

f) Building & Physical Plant - No meeting, no report.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Boyd discussed the following:

- School Choice Slots

Motion FY26-43:

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Randall, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for School Choice (non-technical) slots as follows:

- Grade 7 – accept up to 42 students
- Grade 8 – accept up to 10 students
- Grade 9 – accept up to 20 students
- Grade 10 - none

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

- Tantasqua Foundation fundraiser – Bingo Bash 4/2//26
- With no further snow days, the last day of school will be 6/18/16.
- Upcoming meeting schedule:
  - Wednesday, April 29th (off-cycle due to April vacation)
  - Tuesday, May 26 – Joint Meeting and Tantasqua

8. COMMUNICATIONS – No comments

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By-Law & Policy votes - Mr. Valanzola placed the following motions on the table as recommendations of the By-Law & Policy Subcommittee.

Motion FY26-44:

To approve Policy EFBA School Food and Nutrition on Second Reading and Adoption

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

Motion FY26-45:

To approve Policy JIC Student Discipline on amended Second Reading and Adoption

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

Motion FY26-46:

To approve Policy JFE3 Technical Admissions Policy on Second Reading and Adoption.

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

Mrs. Bourassa provided and discussed the summary of proposed changes to the 2026-27 Program of Studies (POS). The changes do not require Committee approval.

10. NEW BUSINESS - No comments

11. PUBLIC ACCESS - No comments

12. OPEN FORUM - No comments

13. ADJOURN

Motion FY26-47:

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alden, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.
VOTE: All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Noyes-Miller, Secretary

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