

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

April 14, 2009

Regular Session

Board Members Present: Mr. Wright, Mrs. Coulter, Mr. Bergandy, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Herrmann

Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore, Mrs. Sanna, Mrs. Fezette, Mrs. Aull, Mrs. Blaess, Mr. Gastall, Mrs. Wordell

Minutes

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1) Call to Order-The April 14, 2009 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mr. Bergandy at 7:00 p.m.

2) Possible Executive Session (PI42-46-4)

Consent Agenda

3) Approval of Minutes

Regular: 03/24/09

Executive: 03/24/09

4) Personnel Action

a) Resignation(s)

1) Social Studies Retirement-Gerald Arcouette-Mr. Arcouette has been in Tiverton all of his life, working as a teacher and coach, his

work ethic is unmatched when it comes to working with kids or athletes. For many years when he was coaching mock trial and basketball he would spend countless hours beyond his school day. Mrs. Herrmann thanked him for his 30 years of service to this school district. He will be sorely missed. Mrs. Black stated that he is an “amazing man and mentor.” Mr. Bergandy also thanked Mr. Arcouette for everything he has done. He went beyond the call of duty for the kids.

b) Appointments

1)Boys’ Lacrosse Coach-Tiverton High School-Sтивен Soares

2)Girls’Lacrosse Coach-Tiverton High School-next meeting

c) Leave of Absence

1) Grade 7 Social Studies-Tiverton Middle School-Kelly Remick

A motion was made by Black/Herrmann to approve the Consent Agenda removing 4b2. Vote 5-0.

End Consent Agenda

5) Bids

a) Ratification of School Lunch Contract-A motion was made by Wright/Black to select Chartwells as our food service provider for the 2009/2010 school year, with an additional four, one-year renewal options. Vote 5-0.

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6) Old Business

a) Elementary Building Update-Mr. Rearick provided the Committee with an update on the buildings. The birm needs to be reinforced. He informed the Committee that he would like to schedule a yard sale to sell the remainder of the items left at Old Ranger and Nonquit Schools. The Town went through the buildings yesterday to see if there was anything they wanted. He would also like to turn over the two buildings to the town by the end of June. There is \$20,000. left in budget at the present time.

b) Communications Sub-committee-C. Herrmann-The Communications sub-committee has received 142 responses to date. The top three categories were 1) Budgetary Issues; parents and staff need more information; 2) Program Changes; 3) Town meetings or events, we need to do a better job of sharing information with parents. Mrs. Coulter asked if they could meet with the principals and group together, and go over their ideas versus what their particular teachers had recommended and then where the parents concerns were so that they are not just doing overall look for all of the schools.

Mr. Rearick will be meeting with the PTO's and the athletic and music boosters privately, to explain the budget to them, to tell them where we are and what we need. He will inform them that they are not allowed to use any school supplies, or anything belonging to the schools. Mrs. Herrmann would like the information regarding the

budget put up on the school website, how the budget number was arrived at, cuts that have been made. A narrative overview would be helpful for taxpayers and parents. It is the duty of the school committee not only to help to prepare the budget but to advocate for it. Mr. Rearick will provide information for further cuts (totalling 1.3 million) to the Committee at the next meeting. Some cuts would be in violation of BEP etc.

Mr. Wright would like noted that the school department put together a budget based upon what we needed to the support the educational system needed. (\$25,527,000)

c) 2009/2010 Budget- Mrs. Black provided the Committee with a copy of the budget which was distributed at the town council meeting on Monday evening.

It was reviewed by the Committee.

A Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22nd in the high school library at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Rearick will attend the meeting and ask why the numbers are not the same.

Mr. Rearick attended a meeting at R.I.D.E., he was informed that the data that has been received to date is still in flux.

Mr. Bergandy and Mr. Rearick will preapre a draft for the school department website regarding the budget and place it on the next agenda for discussion. This will be posted on the school department website.

d) Tiverton Prevention Coalition-Meeting was held on Monday. SADD group will present to 8th graders. Middle school Project Alert is up and running. Reading of the Empty Chair. Dedication of Meagan's

tree will take place.

Chess Club is going well. Tenth anniversary of Peer Helping Network. Pass It Up is a ten minute video. Senior Project was discussed. They talked about the Dare Program and how much they missed the School Resource Officer.

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e) Health & Wellness-Food Advisory Groups will meet with Doug and Chartwells on April 30th at the elementary schools.

f) Strategic Plan Update-The next session will be held on Monday, April 27th, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the high school library. Volunteers are needed. Mr. Rearick reviewed what has been worked on to date.

g) Elementary Schools Dedication Plaques-A motion was made by Wright/Black with the addition of the two former elected officials names.

Vote 5-0.

7) New Business

a) Full Day Kindergarten-S. Black-Mr. Wright is support of a full day kindergarten program. Many members of the community have

approached Mrs. Black about providing all day kindergarten. Mr. Rearick will look into savings on kindergarten transportation if we did have all day kindergarten.

b) Sex Offender Notification -Police Department Request-Discussion was held, this item will be placed on the next agenda.

c) Financial Town Meeting-The Committee discussed plans for notification of the Financial Town Meeting which will be held on May 9th in the high school gymnasium.

d) Consolidation of Resources with Little Compton-Discussion-Mr. Rearick will contact Little Compton to discuss working collaboratively to find ways to save some money.

8) Reports/Announcements

- Tiverton Middle School 7th grade girls participated in a conference at Raytheon, the boys participated at the school.
- Joy Frain, the nurse at the middle school received her certification as a National Certified School Nurse.
- Jay Edwards presented the Robotics Team with certificates.
- Mr. Notarianni is looking for volunteers for the Technology Committee.
- Mr. Fiore reported that 75% of the 2008/09 budget is spent, we should finish the year on target.

9) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION (PL42-46-4)-No Executive Session this evening.

Legal Issues (SS42-46-5)(a)(2)

Possible Litigation (SS42-46-5(a)(2))

NEA Negotiations (SS42-46-5(a)(2))

**10) Adjournment-A motion was made by Black/Wright to adjourn.
Vote 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pavao

School Board Clerk