

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

January 26, 2010

Regular Session

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

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

Minutes

1) Call to Order -The January 26, 2010 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mr. Bergandy at 7:00 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regular: 01/12/2010

b) Executive: 01/12/2010

3) Personnel Action

a) Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)

b) Appointments

1) Tiverton High School-Custodian-Lawrence Rocha II

c) Leave(s) of Absence

1) Resource-Pocasset School-Amy Mullen

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

End Consent Agenda

4) Old Business

a) Health & Wellness-Mrs. Black attended the Pizza Cookoff which was held recently at the high school. It was well attended and much positive feedback has been received.

b) 2010/2011 Budget-After reviewing the budget the following motions were made.

- A motion was made by Black/Bergandy to approve \$39,000 towards purchasing a new student information system. Vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Wright).**

- A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to deduct the amount of \$39,000 from the \$100,000 that was originally earmarked for purchasing new technology. Vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Wright).**

- A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to apply the amount of \$229,546 towards next years' budget. Vote in favor, 1 opposed (Wright).**

- A motion was made by Wright/Coulter to eliminate two special education teacher assistants at the middle school which would provide an additional \$68,162 in savings. Vote 2 in favor Wright, Coulter; 3 opposed the motion Bergandy, Black, Herrmann. The motion failed.**

- A motion was made by Wright/Bergandy to eliminate a 3/5th's physical education position at the high school. Vote 5-0.
- A motion was made by Bergandy/Coulter to eliminate the In-School Remediation Program at the middle and high school. This would create an additional \$24,280 in savings. Vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Wright).
- A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to eliminate the 2/5th's nurse at the high school. This would save an additional \$19,353. Vote 5-0.
- A motion was made by Wright/ to approve all of the potential operational reductions except for eliminating the purchase of any new library books (K-12),

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he would like to cut that account by in half (\$6183.50). No second, the motion failed.

• A motion was made by Bergandy/ to approve the figure of \$58,828. in operational reductions as presented by the superintendent.

Receiving no second the motion failed.

• It was the concensus of the Committee to eliminate funding for new technology.

• A motion was made by Coulter/Black to authorize Mr. Fiore to

investigate the cost of a premium based health plan for United Health and Tufts. He will report back to the Committee at the next regular meeting. Vote 5-0.

5) New Business

a) Tiverton Education Foundation-Mrs. Larsen reported on the progress of the foundation.

- Arts for All Ball raised \$9300. for Visual & Performing Arts K-12;
- Raposa Trust \$16,000. available for scholarships;
- Tiverton Power has donated \$2500. for Science at Tiverton High School

Mrs. Larsen is also organizing the Memorial Day Parade and is looking for volunteers to assist in making the parade a success.

b) 2010/2011 School Budget-D. Nelson-Mr. Nelson addressed the Committee regarding his concerns under item 4b) 2010/2011 Budget.

c) Program of Studies Changes-A motion was made by Bergandy/Black to approve the Program of Studies with changes as presented by Mr. Fezette.

Vote 5-0.

6) Reports/Announcements

a) Mr. Fiore-The trash bid has gone out, we will be receiving bids until February 15th. The opening will be held on February 19, 2010 at the administration office.

b) Mr. Fiore-Annual Audit is available to anyone who would like to see

it.

c) Mr. Fiore will be attending a meeting on Friday regarding bus transportation schedule and developing it collaboratively with area communities.

7) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION (PL42-46-4)

A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to move into Executive Session under (PI42-46-4) (SS42-46-5)(a)(2), to discuss Legal Issues, Possible Litigation, NEA Negotiations. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bergandy reported that the Committee agreed to continue the meeting until Thursday, February 4, 2010.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pavao

School Board Clerk