

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

February 9, 2010

Regular Session

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

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

Minutes

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1) Call to Order–The February 9, 2010 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mr. Bergandy at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regular: 01/26/2010

b) Executive: 01/26/2010

3) Personnel Action

a) Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)-0

b) Appointment(s)-0

c) Leave(s) of Absence

1) Pocasset School-Beth Kilborn

2) Tiverton Middle School-Rachel Martin

End Consent Agenda

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

4) Old Business

a) Tiverton Prevention Coalition-A second meeting was held.

b) 2010/2011 Budget-Mr. Rearick reviewed budget cuts with the Committee. The Committee held a lengthy discussion on how/where more money could be saved. A motion was made by Herrmann/ to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to cut 1 Grade 8 position at the middle school. Hearing no second the motion failed.

A motion was made by Bergandy/Coulter to authorize Mr. Rearick to find out what the cost benefit would be to phase out the high school. Vote 3 in favor (Coulter, Wright, Bergandy), 2 opposed (Herrmann, Black). Mr. Rearick will report back to the Committee.

5) New Business

a) Teacher Tenure Recommendations-A motion was made by Bergandy/Black to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. The second was withdrawn, no vote was taken.

b) Newport County Career Partnerships-S. Black-Mrs. Black gave a report on the meeting with Newport County Career Partnerships. The towns of Portsmouth, Little Compton, Newport, Middletown, Jamestown and Tiverton are involved.

c) Report of RI Bioscience Industry Skills Gap Task Force-Mrs. Black reported on this task force. She will report back to the board after each meeting.

d) RI Educator Code of Professional Responsibility-A motion was made by Bergandy/ to adopt this as a policy. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Rearick will seek direction from Mr. Robinson, he will attend the next meeting.

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e) Spanish Language Club Proposal-A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to approve. Vote 5-0.

f) 2009 NECAP Results-Mr. Rearick reviewed the NECAP results with the Committee. He feels that we are doing well for a district with our limited capability.

6) Reports/Announcements

a) U.S. Presidential Scholars Program-Mr. Rearick announced that Magdalena Tsiongas has been named a Presidential Scholar.

b) Mr. Fiore presented the board with Municipal Stress Report.

- c) Mr. Fezette announced that Mark Broulet is a National Merit Scholarship finalist.**
- d) Mr. Rearick declared the month of March as National ART Month.**
- e) Mrs. Aull announced that Rudi Pauls visited the middle school to discuss making healthy food choices.**
- f) Mrs. Aull announced that the middle school had a Gold Key winner.**
- g) Middle school has finished the first half of the computer literacy test, 57 students have been tested 80 more students have to be tested. 86% proficient, 14% not proficient, 8 students below proficiency.**

7) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION (PL42-46-4)-A motion was made by Wright/Herrmann to move into Executive Session under (PL42-46-4)(SS42-46-5)(a)(2), to discuss Legal Issues, Possible Litigation, NEA Negotiations. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pavao

School Board Clerk