

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

October 12, 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 October 12th meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mr. Bergandy at 7:00 p.m.

2) Special Presentation(s)

• Elementary Building Sub-Committee- Micheal Zmich, Chairman of the Elementary Building Committee was presented with an artist's rendering of the three elementary schools. All other committee members were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Consent Agenda

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Regular: 09/28/2010-A motion was made by Herrmann/Wright to approve the minutes with one amendment. Bliss Four Corners Safety Audit-The federal government will review everything and provide us a report with their recommendations. Vote 5-0.

b) Executive: 09/28/2010

4) Personnel Action

a) Resignation(s)

b) Appointments

1) Newspaper Advisor-Tiverton High School-Sara Gray

2) District Webmaster-Edwin Fernandes

3) 25th's World Language Long Term Substitute-Middle School-Jean Poirier Green

c) Reappointments

1) Class of 2013 Advisors-David Landoch, Andy Gacioch, John Devolve, Ben Eaton

End Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bergandy/Black to approve the Consent Agenda removing the regular minutes of 9/28/2010. Vote 5-0.

5) Old Business

a) Review and possible approval of outsourcing payroll-A motion was made by Black/Coulter to accept the bid from ADP. Vote 5-0.

b) Compare NECAP Science Results (New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)-Mr. Rearick provided the board with the NECAP Science results from New Hampshire and Vermont. Mr. Rearick reviewed the

results with the Committee.

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6) New Business

a) Request from Little Compton School Department to discuss the option of having their students attend Tiverton High School-A motion was made by Wright/Black that the superintendent contact Ms.Crowley by November 11th to express our desire to participate in these discussions. No vote on original motion. A second motion was made by Wright/Black to authorize Mr. Rearick and Mr. Fezette to enter into discussion with Little Compton regarding the possibility of having their students attend our high school. Vote 5-0.

b) Summary of Teacher Contract Negotiations Discussion-J. Bergandy- Summary of Mr. Bergandy's statement- Two meetings ago Mrs. Herrmann read a statement and at the last meeting read a comment from Mr. Burk. Some of Mr.Bergandy's views were identified. He responded by stating that he does not shy away from expressing his own opinion, and this is not an opinion of a particular political party or negotiated with anyone. He just speaks his own mind on issues. In terms of apologizing for simply negotiating with conviction on behalf of taxpayers, he feels that he has never voted

against the interest of students. Simply speaking, on his part he feels the teachers have no interest in coming to the table with concessions, it logically makes no sense unless some pressure is applied by the committee. The roll of the school committee is to negotiate tough on behalf of the taxpayers and first of all on behalf of students. It is the roll of the teachers union to negotiate on behalf of the teachers. He was glad that the committee went public with all documentation of the negotiations. Everyone can go back and see what actually happened. The school committee's job is to negotiate for the students and the taxpayers. It is critical that the transparent, open to everyone system of negotiating contracts continues.

At this point Mrs. Herrmann does not think that anyone can say for certain that negative rhetoric was helpful or not, she feels that it wasn't, that maintaining very respectful positions and demeanors was helpful. She does understand that Mr. Bergandy has a different approach but everyone agreed on the contract and it was voted upon. She looks forward to moving on and focusing on student achievement rather than teacher contracts.

Mr. Wright's first 35 yrs in professional world was in business. Mr. Wright thanked everyone on the school committee and each and every teacher. The process was productive. Motion by Wright/ that the school committee moves on with teaching and learning in the future. Forget was has passed with negotiations. No second, motion failed.

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7) Reports/Announcements

- **Last Wednesday, Mr. Rearick, Mrs. Sanna, Mr. Bergandy, Mr. Notarianni attended the commissioner's roll out meeting for Race to the Top.**
- **Mr. Rearick has received an invitation to accept a Wellness Award from the governor.**
- **Mr. Fiore announced that the state has done their allocation for the Education Jobs Fund. Our allocation is \$241, 531. Our State Aid may be reduced.**
- **Mrs. Black attended the Arts Festival at the middle school.**

8) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION (PL42-46-4)-No Exeuctive Session was held.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pavao

School Board Clerk