

# **Tiverton School Committee Meeting**

**January 13, 2011**

## **Regular Session**

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

**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 13, 2011 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mrs. Black at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **2) Approval of Minutes**

**a) Regular: 12/14/2010-A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Herrmann/ Coulter that the minutes be amended to include the discussion that was held regarding the Joint meeting and if the meeting should have been scheduled by December 31st , that Mr. Robinson look into what the procedure was per law and per our charter, also if the meeting should be scheduled by the Town Council or the School Committee.**

**Vote-5-0.**

**12/28/2010-A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to approve the minutes with the correction of the starting time of the meeting to read 8:30 a.m. Vote -5-0.**

**01/04/2011-A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallash to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Bergandy).**

**b) Executive: 12/14/2010-Superintendent's Evaluation-A motion was made by Bergandy/Herrmann to approve the minutes with the following correction. The vote was for the Committee to present the goals to be discussed at the next meeting.**

### **3) Personnel Action**

#### **a)Resignation(s)**

**Teacher Assistant-Tiverton High School-tabled**

#### **b)Leave of Absence**

**Social Studies Department-Tiverton High School-A motion was made by Pallasch/Bergandy to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to grant the request. Vote 5-0. Eric Marx**

### **End Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to approve the Consent Agenda removing item 3a) Teacher Assistant Resignation. Mrs. Herrmann asked to also remove the Regular minutes of December 28th for a correction, Mrs. Black asked to remove the Executive minutes of December 14th for corrections. Mrs. Pallasch withdrew**

**her motion, each item will be taken one at a time.**

**A motion was made by Bergandy/Herrmann to move to item 5a) FY2009/2010 Treasurer's Audit.**

**Vote-5-0.**

#### **4) Old Business**

**a) Newport County Mentoring Program-S. Black-This program is to introduce students to different things. This is a great experience for our kids. She will be having people come to a meeting and discuss the program.**

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**b) Discussion on FY2010-2011 Restricted State Funds-Mrs. Pallasch is looking for the detail of what do we pay for and what are we going to bring into the new budget. The Superintendent will have the information available at the next meeting. He will adjust the worksheet and explain it.**

**c) FY2011-12 Budget-Mrs. Herrmann would like to see the budget without any new costs. She would like to have them as a separate list.**

**Mrs. Coulter thinks that this would be helpful also. Mr. Rearick would like permission to send this as a preliminary document to the budget committee so that we are in compliance with the charter.**

**A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to move to item 5g) Formation of Sub-Committee to Review Budget. Vote-5-0.**

#### **5) New Business**

**a) FY2009/2010 Treasurer's Audit Adjustments-The letters were sent out per direction of the Committee. Mrs. Black received a letter from Mr. DiMattia stating that he would not be attending tonight's meeting and that he did not want to discuss the school funding issue with the Committee alone at this time. He will be happy to attend a Joint meeting of the School Committee and the Town Council. Mr. Robinson advised the Committee that if they were so inclined they could subpoena Mr. DiMattia. If he was subpoenaed by the Committee they do have the power to make him speak. Mr. Rearick has questions to ask the treasurer.**

**A motion was made by Coulter/ Herrmann to place on the agenda of January 18th the item Reconsider Vote to Invite the Treasurer to a School Committee Meeting. Vote-5-0.**

**Mike Burk commended the Committee and the administration throughout this debate for taking the opportunity to have these discussions in public. He is disappointed at the lack of respect the treasurer has shown them by choosing not to show up.**

**David Nelson asked if Mrs. Black would be making the questions that will be asked of the treasurer made public.**

**b) Board of Regents Proposed Changes to High School Graduation Requirements-W.Rearick provided the Committee with a Power Point**

that has been sent to the Superintendents regarding potential changes that are under consideration by the Board of Regents.

c) Discussion of Meeting Procedure, Potential Changes to Agenda-D. Pallasch-Mrs. Pallasch would like to have a more formal setup for people who wish to address the Committee. She also would like to have a Public Forum session item. Mr. Rearick mentioned that the existing policy would need to be changed. A change to the administrators seating arrangement is also something else she would like considered.

d) Bristol Community College Articulation Agreement-We have had an articulation agreement with BCC for many years. The current agreement is in expires on June 30, 2011. A renewal agreement will be sent to us before then.

e) Electricity Contract-D. Fiore-A motion was made Pallasch/Herrmann to approve the contract as presented by Mr. Fiore. Vote 5-0.

f) Copier Lease-D. Fiore-A motion was made by Bergandy/Herrmann to approve the copier leases. Vote 5-0.

g) Formation of Sub-Committee to Review Budget-D. Pallasch-By forming a sub-committee the Committee would not be spending an hour or more on budget. Mrs. Coulter suggested that the board hold separate meeting to discuss only the budget. Mr. Rearick suggested dedicating the second meeting of the month strictly to budget.

h) Dissemination of Public Documents Presented at the Town Council Meeting-Town Council Liasion-Mrs. Black will provide the Committee with copies of backup she receives from meetings

**which she attends.**

**6) Reports/Announcements**

**• Mrs. Aull announced that the middle school has received a \$3000. Grant from Fuel Up to Play 6. Mr. Thiboutot and Mr. Heath will be preparing a fitness center at the middle school for use by students and staff.**

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**• Mr. Rearick attended the music Alumni Concert. It was a wonderful success.**

**7) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION(PL42-46-4)-A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to move into Executive Session under PL42-46-4, (SS42-46-5(a)(2), to discuss Legal Issues, and to continue in Executive Session under (SS42-46-5)(a)(1), to discuss Addendum to Superintendent's Contract. The roll call vote was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Elaine Pavao**

**School Board Clerk**