

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

April 12, 2011

Regular Session

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

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

Minutes

**1) Call to Order-The April 12th 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: 03/15/2011, 03/22/2011, 04/05/2011

b) Executive: 3/22/2011, 04/05/2011

3) Personnel Action

a) Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)

**1) Science Department Retirement-Tiverton High
School-Rosemary Gruczka**

2) District Webmaster Resignation-Edwin Fernandes

b) Appointment(s)

1) Boys' Assistant Volunteer Baseball Coach-Tiverton High School-Sтивен Pieroni

2) District Webmaster-Alfred Notarianni

End Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Herrmann/Coulter to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4-0.

4) Old Business

a) Tiverton Prevention Coalition-Edith Borden SAC at middle and high school announced that the bereavment group will begin meeting at the middle school. Peer Helping Network along with the student council had a combined meeting to plan the April Friends Day.

b) Health & Wellness-S. Black-The advisory group will be meeting soon.

5) New Business

a) Review of Little Compton High School Selection Process-In order to clear up mistakes as reported by some of the news media, Mr. Rearick presented to the board a handout from Information Works. It was reviewed and discussed.

b) 2011-2012 School Calendar Approval-A motion was made by Herrmann/Coulter to approve the school calendar for the 2011-2010 school year. Vote 4-0.

c) 2010 Advanced Placement Results–This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

d) Binding Arbitration Legislation-Mr. Bergandy is strongly opposed to both of these initiatives (items 5d and 5e). Representative Edwards provided updated information regarding these bills. A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to go on record as opposing H5961 as introduced on 3/22/2011. Vote 1 in favor (Herrmann), 3 asbstantions (Black, Coulter, Bergandy).

A motion was made by Bergandy/ to oppose the whole concept of any form of binding arbitration and contract continuation. There was no second. Mrs. Coulter’s conern is that in talking to town councils in the past about how budgets work and how things are proposed she has been told that it is binding arbitration and nothing can be done about it. She feels that we can do something about it.

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Currently she is opposed to any and all types of binding arbitration. She does not find it helpful or useful on the side of monetary issues. She thinks that it can be used as a cop-out. She does not agree with it in its current state.

e) Approval of Binding Arbitration Resolution-A motion was made by Bergandy/Black to express objection to the notion/concept of any form of binding arbitration and in this motion he proposed to send to the legislation our resolve to that matter only for that particular vote. Vote 3 in favor (Black, Coulter, Bergandy), 1 opposed (Herrmann). Mrs. Herrmann stated that she will not oppose legislation that she has not read.

f) Economic Development Volunteer-Brett Pelletier, a member of the town council provided information about the Economic Development Commission. He is looking for a School Committee member to volunteer. Mrs. Black offered to volunteer.

6)Reports/Announcements

a) Maureen Carr, Fort Barton teacher has been named Teacher of the Year by the Little Compton Grange.

b) Mr. Rearick announced that Deborah Gist, Commissioner of Education will visit our school district on May 5th.

7) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION(PL42-46-4)-A motion was made by Herrmann/Bergandy to move into Executive Session under (PL42-46-4)(SS42-46-5)(a)(2), to discuss Commissioner of Education's Response to Teacher Transfer Language and Review of Proposed Budget Committee Resolve the 2011-2012 Financial Town Meeting Docket. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pavao

School Board Clerk