

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

January 10, 2012

Regular Session

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

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

Minutes

1)Call to Order –The January 10, 2012 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mrs. Black at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to move up items 5c) NEASC Update, 6a) Middle School Band Program Update. Vote 5-0.

2)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 NEA Negotiations, Personnel Matter and Legal Issue Town Audit. The roll call vote was unanimous.

a) NEA Negotiations (SS42-46-5)(a)(2)

b) Personnel Matter(SS42-46-5)(a)(2)

c) Legal Issue 2011 Town Audit (SS42-46-5)(a)(2)

Upon returning to open session Mrs. Black reported that while in

executive session the school committee voted to proceed to the Commissioner's Office regarding the Town Treasurer taking the \$243,000. out of the fiscal year 2011 surplus. The Personnel Matter and NEA Negotiations were discussed, no votes were taken.

Consent Agenda

3)Approval of Minutes

a. Regular: 12/13/2011, 01/03/2012

b. Executive: 12/13/2011, 01/03/2012

4)Personnel Action

**a)Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/Appointments/Leaves of
Absence**

1) Reading Specialist Resignation– Ranger School-Jennifer Clare

b)Appointments

1) Tiverton Middle School Interim Principal-Mary Bolton

c) Leave of Absence(s)

1) Extended Maternity Leave-Andrea Palumbo

End Consent Agenda

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

5)Old Business

a) Wastewater Treatment Facility Bid Award-A motion was made by Coulter/Herrmann to accept the recommendation of Mr. Fiore to

award the bid to Civil Engineering Concepts, Inc. of Little Compton at a cost of \$24,550. to design and guide the process through the implementation in September 2012. Vote 5-0.

b) Town Council Response to Board of Regents Decision-Discussion

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A motion was made by Black/Coulter to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent \$1,162,045. Vote 5-0.

c) NEASC Update-Ms. Araujo and Mr. Soares co-chairs of the NEASC Committee provided an update to the Committee on the progress of the NEASC visit to the

Committee. An invitation was extended to the board to participate in the Welcoming Reception for the NEASC Team. The date of the reception is March 11th, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

6) New Business

a) Middle School Band Program Update-Ms. O'Neill gave an update on the success of the band program with the changes that have been implemented. After school bussing has helped tremendously with after school attendance.

b) 2012-2013 Budget-The PowerPoint presentation contained two minor changes. The Cross Country stipend and a new picture of the brick pointing at the high school were included. Discussion on the budget continued.

c) Home Teaching Approval-A motion was made by Coulter/Herrmann to approve the request. Vote 5-0.

7) Reports/Announcements/Correspondence

- Mr. Rearick received notice that the Budget Committee will not have a quorum for tomorrow night.**

- Mr. Fiore distributed financial results through December, we are on budget.**

- The IRS did a compliance check, Mr. Fiore received a letter from them stating that there were no potential problems.**

- Audit is completed, there was one internal control comment which has been downgraded to a management letter comment. Mr. Fiore will have a response drafted for him at the next meeting.**

- Mrs. Pallasch discussed an article from PROJO, Ron Devine has been appointed as the Interim EBEC Director. The article discussed the URI Evaluation of some elementary schools in Rhode Island. Mr. Devine will look at the science kits and how they could be reintroduced into some of the schools in a useful way. Mrs. Pallasch would like the committee to take some time to read the article. She would like to discuss it at a future meeting.**

- Mrs. Black will be going to CCRI tomorrow morning to discuss the Newport County Mentoring Program.**

8) Adjournment-A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to adjourn. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Elaine Pavao
School Board Clerk**