

# **Tiverton School Committee Meeting**

**January 30, 2012**

**Regular Session**

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

**Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore**

## **Minutes**

**Regular Session**

**1) Call to Order-The January 30th meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mrs. Black at 7:00 p.m.**

**A moment of silence was observed for Cala Almy, a recent graduate of Tiverton High School.**

**2) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION (PL42-46-4)-A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to move into Executive Session under (PL42-46-4),(SS42-46-5)(a)(2) Legal Advice. The roll call vote was unanimous.**

**a) Legal Advice(SS42-46-5)(a)(2)- For discussion and/or action upon Town Council's proposal to resolve litigation regarding School Department appropriation.**

## **Open Session**

**Upon returning to open session Mrs. Black reported that while in executive session the committee discussed and received advice regarding the legal issue. No vote was taken.**

**3) a) 2009/2010-2010/2011 Budget History -Mrs. Black gave a little history about the budget. It is our duty to inform the Budget Committee what is going on by state law and our Policy #223. In 2009/10 the budget which was approved was \$24,900,722; in 2010/11 the budget which was approved was \$25,520,782.**

**b) Legal Advice-For discussion and/or action upon Town Council's proposal to resolve litigation regarding School Department Appropriation.**

**It is the recommendation of Mr. Robinson that the school board reject the proposal. He suggested that they respond to council in the following manner;**

**1) That they withdraw their petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court for the FY2009/10 appropriation;**

**2) That the Town restore pursuant to the legal decision from the Commissioner and the Board of Regents the \$367,165 to the school department for the FY2009/10**

**3) That the Town restore the \$243,092 that was improperly removed from the school department budget for FY2010/11.**

**Mr. Robinson recommended to the Committee that they agree that the \$367,000 will be used to fund the septic system and other capital needs. Another suggestion is that they receive some assurance that**

**the Committee won't have to go down this road again.**

**A motion was made by Herrmann/Coulter approve the settlement proposal recommended by Mr. Robinson, with the addition of a timeline that we request a reply by February 15th from the Town Council. Vote 5-0.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Elaine Pavao**

**School Board Clerk**