

# **Tiverton School Committee Meeting**

**December 9, 2014**

**Regular Session**

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

**Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore, Mrs. Donnelly Roche, Mr. Cabral, Mrs. Blaess, Mrs. Wordell**

## **Minutes**

**1) Call to Order-The December 9, 2014 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mrs. Black at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Consent Agenda**

**2) Approval of Minutes**

**a) Regular: 11/18/2014**

**b) Executive: 11/18/2014**

**3) Personnel Action**

**a) Resignation(s)/Leave of Absence**

**1) Middle School Literacy Resignation-Jessica Hedges**

**2) Fort Barton School-LOA-Beth Kilborn**

#### **4) Correspondence**

##### **End Consent Agenda**

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

**A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to move to item 6b) Middle School Athletics Grant. Vote 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to move to item 7a) Fort Barton Summary of Washington, DC Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony. Vote 5-0.**

#### **5) Old Business**

##### **6) New Business**

**a) Health & Wellness Update Discussion-Mrs. Black announced that the Health & Wellness meeting which was held prior to this meeting was well attended. The elementary nurses are interested in providing a yoga program to all elementary students. The program teaches the students deep breathing and lasts for approximately three to five minutes each day. They do not have to leave the classroom, it can be done at their desks.**

**b) Discussion/Possible Vote- Middle School Athletics Grant –Representative John Edwards was in attendance, he presented a**

check for \$3000 to the middle school for their athletic program. A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to accept the grant. Vote 5-0.

c) Discussion/Possible Vote -Champlain Grant- Mr. Rearick announced that the middle school received a grant from the Champlin Foundations in the amount of \$99,000 to be used for small lab technology. This is a digital, interactive system to

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enhance science learning. A motion was made by Herrmann/Larkin to accept the grant. Vote 5-0.

d) Discussion/Possible Vote-Energy Assessment-A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to approve the recommendation of Mr. Fiore and accept the bid of the low bidder, Energy & Resource Solutions of North America. \$9890. Vote 5-0.

e) Discussion/Possible Vote-School Lunch Truck-Mr. Fiore explained to the Committee that because of the possible health and safety issues of the lunch truck our attorney determined an emergency procurement of a replacement truck would be advisable. Therefore, we purchased a truck from U-Haul at a cost of \$9300. The Town's DPW inspected the truck and found no issues. No vote was

necessary.

f) **Discussion/Possible Vote-2015-2016 School Vacation Schedule-A** motion was made by Herrmann/Larkin to allow Mr. Rearick to send out a survey to all parents and staff regarding altering February vacation. Vote 5-0.

g) **Discussion/Possible Vote-Council 94 Negotiations-A** motion was made by Herrmann/Larkin to allow Mr. Rearick to begin the process of entering into negotiations with Council 94. Vote 5-0.

h) **Discussion/Possible Vote-2015 School Committee Calendar-A** motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to approve the calendar as presented. Vote 5-0.

i) **Discussion/Possible Vote-Elementary Digital Literacy-Mr. Rearick** gave a presentation on digital literacy. No motion or vote was taken.

j) **Discussion/Possible Vote-New Superintendent Evaluation Tool-A** motion was made by Pallasch/Herrman to adopt the new Superintendent Evaluation Tool. Vote 5-0.

## **7)Reports/Announcements**

a) **Fort Barton Summary of Washington, DC Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony-S.**

Wordell-Mrs. Wordell and Mrs. Carr presented a slide show and shared their experiences of the Washington trip with the Committee and the audience.

## **8) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION(PL42-46-4)**

**A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to go into Executive Session under (PL42-46-4)(SS42-46-5)(a)(2), to discuss NEA Contract Negotiations and the Superintendent's Contract. The roll call vote was unanimous.**

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

**b) Superintendent's Contract(SS42-46-5)(a)(2)**

**Upon returning to open session Mrs. Black reported that discussion was held on both items, no votes were cast.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Elaine Pavao**

**School Board Clerk**