

**TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes – May 17, 2017

Mr. Trask, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Members Present:

Steven Trask, Chairman, Franklin
Donna Cabibbo, Vice Chair, Millis
Robert Guthrie, Secretary, North Attleboro
Richard Bassett, Wrentham
David Bento, Medfield
Adeline Bee, North Attleboro
Douglas Brown, Seekonk
Paul Carbone, Franklin
Jonathan Dowse, Sherborn
Linda Reynolds, Medway
Robert Wilkinson, Plainville
Janice Young, Walpole

Members Not Present:

Louis Hoegler, Walpole

Others Present:

Steve Dockray, Superintendent
Michael Procaccini, Principal
William Galligan, Student Representative 2016-2017
Kaylee Dunn, Student Representative 2017-2018

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Cabibbo and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the minutes of the April 12, 2017 School Committee meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Dockray indicated there were visitors present from the North Attleboro School Committee.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Trask introduced and welcomed the new Student Representative for 2017-2018, Kaylee Dunn, an Early Education student who has excelled in both academics and sports. It was noted that Kaylee is a student from North Attleboro.

In response to a question put forth by a visitor, Mr. Trask indicated that it has not been the practice of the Tri-County School Committee to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of its meetings.

Mr. Trask extended the School Committee's appreciation to current Student Representative, William Galligan, and presented Bill with a gift. Bill indicated he will be attending Purdue in the fall to study Engineering. In addition he will be traveling to China and Japan in June for Purdue's study abroad program.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Bill Galligan reported on the following current and future student activities:

- Sophomores are in the middle of MCAS testing this week.
- Seniors have finals next week, followed by class trips.
- This is the last week for shop and co-op for seniors.
- Senior Project Fair was held on Monday.
- Junior and Senior prom was held Friday, May 5th.
- Softball team is 4 and 9.
- Baseball team is 5 and 8.
- Lacrosse team is 9 and 5, and has qualified for the MIAA state tournament.
- Girls' Track and Field is 6 and 2 with *Kaylee Dunn* as the league champion, and the 2 mile and 1 mile state vocational champion.
- Boys' Track and Field is 5 and 3 with *Zack Spencer* as state vocational champion in shot put.
- Coach Mazzola and the football team awarded the Silvio Cella Family Foundation Grant for \$3,000. This grant is presented annually to 4 different high schools in the state.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Awards Night May 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Mr. Dockray reminded members that the Awards Night will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the gymnasium. A highlight will be the Cougar Culture award.

Senior Project Fair

Mr. Dockray reported that the Senior Project Fair was held last Monday; top three projects from each vocational program were presented. The Fair was very well attended.

Mr. Dockray expressed his thanks to Ms. MacLeod, Co-operative Education Director and the director in charge of Senior Projects, not only for her efforts in coordinating the Fair but also for her efforts during the school year in scheduling the Senior Project presentations.

Graduation Invitations for June 4

Mr. Dockray reviewed the details of the upcoming Graduation Ceremony.

FY18 Budget

Mr. Dockray reported that Tri-County's FY2018 budget has been passed by five member towns; five more towns will be reviewing budgets June 5.

State SkillsUSA Winners

Mr. Dockray reported 22 winners at the secondary level including 6 golds, and 14 overall winners at the post-secondary level including 6 gold medal winners.

Silvio Cella Family Foundation Grant

Mr. Dockray reported that Tri-County received a \$3K grant from the Silvio Cella Foundation.

Other

Mr. Trask asked if there were any School Committee members who would like to help with the diplomas at Graduation.

GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ward, Chair of the General Advisory Committee, was not able to attend unexpectedly. He will report at the June meeting.

MAINTENANCE AND SECRETARIAL NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Dowse reported on the Maintenance Association Agreement discussions:

Negotiations Subcommittee recommended changes:

- Increase for clothing allowance from \$350 to \$500
- COLA increase of 2%, 2%, 2%
- Increase probationary period from sixty days to ninety days, during which time dismissal can take place without cause.

In response to a question Mr. Dowse indicated that the 2% increase for 2017-2018 will have no monetary impact as the amount was already budgeted.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson that the changes be approved as submitted for the Maintenance Association Agreement 2017 – 2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dowse reported on the Secretarial Association Agreement discussions and these are the results:

Negotiations Subcommittee recommended changes:

- Use of a personal day allowed to extend a holiday or vacation for the first ten-month employee who applies for the same date.

MAINTENANCE AND SECRETARIAL NEGOTIATIONS (continued)

Secretarial Association Agreement discussions (continued)

- Allow ten-month employees to receive the Friday before Labor Day off without pay and still secure payment for Labor Day.
- Increase annual longevity stipend for ten years from \$500 to \$750 and for fifteen years from \$1,000 to \$1,200.
- Increase step differential between Step 11 and 12 from 1% to 3%
- Increase of 2%, 2%, 2%

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Ms. Bee that the changes be approved as submitted for the Secretarial Association Agreement 2017 – 2020.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS NORTH ATTLEBORO CONCERNS

Referring to a recent news article in the Sun Chronicle dated May 4, titled “Breaking up - hard to do. Cost of Tri-County puts North at disadvantage”, and at the urging of member, Ms. Bee, Mr. Dockray reviewed information and data contained in the North Attleboro information packet. The information was compiled to help explain the process by which North Attleboro is assessed. Comparisons were prepared for assessments for all sending towns, enrollment (North Attleboro is 1/3 of Tri-County’s total enrollment), contributions, regional districts pupil cost, net school spending.

Mr. Dockray noted that compared to the 26 regional vocational school districts Tri-County ranks third from the bottom in per pupil cost; Tri-County’s net school spending was less than all of its sending towns. He also noted the key foundation elements for establishing Chapter 74 programs.

Ms. Bee noted she was concerned after reading the Sun Chronicle article and suggested reaching out to the North Attleboro School Committee to answer any of their questions.

Ms. Reynolds also noted that vocational schools are basically two schools in one (vocational and academic) and require much more equipment for the vocational programs. Also, many schools receive various funds from their towns for expenses. Ms. Reynolds also noted that for most of the last several years Tri-County has been at minimum budget.

In response to a question, Mr. Dockray indicated that North Attleboro does not have a cap on students enrolling at Tri-County.

Ms. Young requested that School Committee members receive a copy of the original Agreement for their information.

Mr. Brown expressed concern that the article mentions North Attleboro pays 40% more per Tri-County student; however all member towns are paying that based upon the formula which is set by the DESE.

Ms. Cabibbo echoed the comments that vocational schools cannot be compared to comprehensive schools when considering the education that is provided.

Mr. Wilkinson noted that Tri-County’s MCAS scores are very competitive with other schools.

Mr. Trask asked for any comments, if any, from the North Attleboro visitors. NA School Committee chair, Mr. McKenna introduced himself and two others, Adam Scanlon and Carol Wagner.

Mr. McKenna expressed appreciation for the previous comments. He explained he was not aware the topic would be discussed and therefore could not reply. Further, their purpose for attending the TC meeting was to have a better understanding of how our School Committee functions so they can make an informed decision with regard to the upcoming appointment of the North Attleboro representative to our School Committee.

DISCUSS NORTH ATTLEBORO CONCERNS (continued)

Mr. McKenna indicated all candidates will be present at their June 12 meeting and the Committee will be making a decision at that time.

Mr. Trask noted that he gives Mr. Guthrie his highest recommendation. Mr. Brown noted that Mr. Guthrie has advocated several times on behalf of NA.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Mr. Dockray asked members to read the summative report and prepare their evaluations based on the goals that were set at the beginning of the year, as well as the four performance standards. Mr. Dockray reminded that comments are required for a rating of either unsatisfactory or exemplary. Results will be given at the June School Committee meeting; return forms by June 14 for consolidation.

BICO REAPPOINTMENT

Mr. Dockray reported that Bi-County Collaborative requires an annual appointment of the superintendent to the BICO Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Ms. Cabibbo and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson that the School Committee appoint Stephen Dockray to the Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 year.
Motion carried unanimously.

TRI-COUNTY CALENDAR 2017-2018

Mr. Procaccini presented the proposed School Calendar for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. Reynolds, that the School Committee approve the Tri-County Calendar for 2017-2018 as presented.
Discussion ensued.
Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Mr. Procaccini asked the School Committee to approve an overnight field trip for 5 students to attend the SkillsUSA National competition. Mr. Dockray indicated the money for the trip comes from the SkillsUSA line item and to defray the costs students fundraise during the year.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Ms. Cabibbo that the School Committee approve the SkillsUSA field trip to Louisville KY, June 19-24, 2017, as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Procaccini asked the School Committee to approve an overnight field trip for the Robotics Team to attend the Battlecry Competition at WPI, May 20-21, 2017. Mr. Procaccini indicated the funds for the trip is supported by a line item in the budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Cabibbo and seconded by Mr. Dowse that the School Committee approve the Robotics field trip to WPI, May 10-21, 2017, as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF WARRANTS

In Mr. Roy's absence, Mr. Dockray reported that the Warrant Subcommittee had been contacted since the last School Committee meeting for the purpose of signing warrants covering routine payroll obligations, and other miscellaneous items in the amount of \$1,579,668.47.

Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Operating Warrant # 111	\$13,551.52	Operating Warrant # 121	\$13,357.98
Operating Warrant # 112	\$11,214.55	Operating Warrant # 122	\$14,603.61
Operating Warrant # 112A	\$81,468.36	Operating Warrant # 122A	\$88,402.26
Operating Warrant # 112B	\$89,152.27	Operating Warrant # 122B	\$109,137.21
Operating Warrant # 113	\$14,397.31	Payroll Warrant # 21	\$495,901.70
Operating Warrant # 114	\$11,935.83	Payroll Warrant # 22	\$481,713.42
Operating Warrant # 114A	\$87,158.53	Payroll Warrant # 23	\$565,244.55
Operating Warrant # 115	skipped over	Activity Warrant # 19	\$200.00
Operating Warrant # 116	\$274,018.58	Activity Warrant # 20	\$1,120.00
Operating Warrant # 117	\$198,742.32	Activity Warrant # 21	\$17,836.40
Operating Warrant # 118	\$3,385.00	Activity Warrant # 22	\$935.81
Operating Warrant # 119	\$20,734.86	Activity Warrant # 23	\$218.00
Operating Warrant # 120	\$10,466.18		

TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIRPERSON 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING


Mr. Dockray updated members on the School Committee re-appointments:
 Millis - new representative effective July 1, Heidi Perkins
 Franklin - Mr. Carbone has been re-appointed.
 North Attleboro - no appointment yet; position has been advertised
 Norfolk - position open; Ms. Hamilton has relocated

Mr. Trask reminded members to complete the State Ethics Exam and pass in to their respective town clerks.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Ms. Young that the School Committee meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Signed:  _____
 Robert G. Galt, Secretary STEVEN TRASK (Chair))
 Tri-County School Committee