

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

Minutes – April 12, 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
Douglas Brown, Seekonk
Paul Carbone, Franklin
Louis Hoegler, Walpole
Robert Wilkinson, Plainville

Members Not Present:

Adeline Bee, North Attleboro
Kathi Hamilton, Norfolk
Janice Young, Walpole
Jonathan Dowse, Sherborn
Linda Reynolds, Medway

Others Present:

Steve Dockray, Superintendent
Michael Procaccini, Principal
John Roy, Business Manager

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Ms. Cabibbo that the minutes of the March 15, 2017 School Committee meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion passed with 1 abstention.

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Trask thanked all for the expressions of sympathy on the passing of his brother.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

- A play was performed for freshmen in conjunction with their current reading of Romeo and Juliet.
- Sophomores are beginning to work on their shop process.
- Juniors took part in Distractology.
- Seniors continue with school selections.
- Drama Club performed on Saturday
- Also, Mass Insights Math and Computer Sciences had a practice AP exam.
- Robotics Club traveled to Maine for second competition. The team won an award for the best and most elegant programming. Our robot was the only one to use swerve drive. Also, our programmer made all aspects of the robot foolproof.
- Sports – 13 students will be getting lettered jackets for winter sports participation. Spring Sports has begun – softball, baseball, lacrosse and track and field.

In response to a question, Mr. Procaccini explained that the Distractology trailer contained two simulator stations where students would experience situations of distraction while driving. It focused on students just starting to drive with either a Learners' Permit or less than six months driving. The program was introduced to Tri-County by Keefe Insurance and offered through Arbella.

In response to a question, Mr. Procaccini indicated the Senior Project Fair was scheduled for May 17, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Outstanding Vocational Student Award

Mr. Dockray reported that the Award Ceremony will take place on April 13, 2017 at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Tri-County's recipient is Zachary Keeler an Engineering Technology student from Bellingham.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (continued)

Placement Test and Ninth Grade Applications

The placement test for incoming 9th graders was held on Saturday April 1, with 264 students in attendance. Mr. Dockray noted we have received 295 in-district and 36 out-of-district applications. Acceptance letters will be sent in the next few weeks and Mr. Dockray anticipates 280-290 in the freshman class.

The Tri-County Regional Cut-A-Thon and Style-A-Thon

Mr. Dockray noted that a Cut-A-Thon was taking place in the Cosmetology Program April 13, 2:15 – 7:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit Dana Farber through a local marathon runner.

SkillsUSA Competition

Mr. Dockray reported that approximately 100 students will compete in the state SkillsUSA competition in Marlborough. For those interested, the award ceremony will take place Saturday April 29.

Maintenance and Secretarial Negotiations

Mr. Dockray indicated new 3-year contracts are scheduled to take place this year for the Maintenance and Secretaries Associations. Both contracts end this fiscal year.

As in the past, meetings will be scheduled and will be attended by the chair of the Negotiations Subcommittee, Mr. Dowse, Mr. Dockray and Mr. Roy. Mr. Dockray anticipates negotiations for both associations to be completed on one afternoon.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CHOICE DETERMINATION

In response to the annual requirement for districts to vote whether or not to accept School Choice, Mr. Dockray recommended against it.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School Committee reject School Choice for School Year 2017-2018 based on the lack of financial reimbursement associated with the acceptance of School Choice as well as the lack of available space at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mr. Procaccini requested the School Committee to approve a field trip for 100 SkillsUSA students to attend the State Leadership Conference in Marlborough, April 27-29, 2017. The approximate cost is \$29,550.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Ms. Cabibbo that the School Committee approve a Field Trip Request for approximately 100 students to attend SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference, April 27-29, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF WARRANTS

Mr. Roy 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 \$1,615,292.71.

DISCUSSION OF WARRANTS (continued)

Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Operating Warrant # 100	\$49,433.50	Payroll Warrant # 19	\$489,368.97
Operating Warrant # 102	\$14,340.08	Payroll Warrant # 20	\$502,016.94
Operating Warrant # 103	\$13,363.30	Operating Warrant # 108	\$600,372.19
Operating Warrant # 103A	\$81,167.03	Operating Warrant # 109	\$44,040.27
Operating Warrant # 103B	\$87,417.47	Operating Warrant # 110	\$9,663.43
Operating Warrant # 104	\$15,338.07		
Operating Warrant # 105	\$12,534.71		
Operating Warrant # 105A	\$90,419.44		
Operating Warrant # 106	\$254,219.88	Activity Warrant # 16	\$1,434.50
Operating Warrant # 106A	\$394.00	Activity Warrant # 17	\$3,844.82
Operating Warrant # 107	\$199,293.25	Activity Warrant # 18	\$9,187.19

In response to questions, the following was provided:

- Tri-County’s spending budget is on target for this fiscal year.
- The House of Representatives budget allows for only \$10 more per student.
- Transportation reimbursement is about the same as last year; we continue to push for more. Mr. Dockray sent our representatives an email today urging their support for an increase.

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

Ms. Cabibbo indicated she would be available during the day, if needed, for negotiations discussions.

Mr. Brown encouraged members to contact their local cable TV networks to let them know about Tri-County’s Summer STEAM Camps Registration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (M.G.L. Ch. 30A, s. 21, ss. 2)

A motion was made by Mr. Trask and seconded by Ms. Cabibbo to convene in Executive Session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 2 for the purpose: For the purpose to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

Motion carried on a Roll Call vote:

Steve Trask, Yes	Donna Cabibbo, Yes
Douglas Brown, Yes	David Bento, Yes
Paul Carbone, Yes	Richard Bassett, Yes
Louis Hoegler, Yes	Robert Guthrie
Robert Wilkinson, Yes	

Executive Session convened at 7:25 PM.

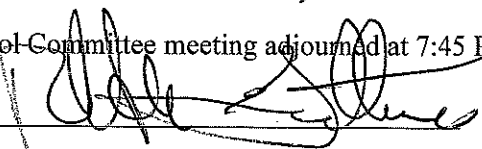
General Session reconvened at 7:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hoegler and seconded by Mr. Cabibbo that the School Committee meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Signed: 

Robert Guthrie, *Secretary*
Tri-County School Committee

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