

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

Minutes – February 15, 2017

Mr. Trask, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

***Members Present:***

Steven Trask, Chairman, Franklin  
David Bento, Medfield  
Paul Carbone, Franklin  
Jonathan Dowse, Sherborn  
Kathi Hamilton, Norfolk  
Louis Hoegler, Walpole  
Robert Wilkinson, Plainville  
Janice Young, Walpole

***Members Not Present:***

Douglas Brown, Seekonk  
Adeline Bee, North Attleboro  
Donna Cabibbo, Vice Chair, Millis  
Robert Guthrie, Secretary, North Attleboro  
Linda Reynolds, Medway

***Others Present:***

Steve Dockray, Superintendent  
Michael Procaccini, Principal

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Ms. Young that the minutes of the January 18, 2017 School Committee meeting be approved as submitted.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Dockray introduced Ms. Jodie Luksha, Tri-County's new Marketing Coordinator.

Ms. Luksha briefly described her 25-years marketing experience which includes WPI, Quinsigamond Community College and Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Ms. Luksha looks forward to helping Tri-County in its marketing endeavors.

Mr. Hoegler encouraged Ms. Luksha to solicit Walpole Times to include Tri-County articles in their publication.

Mr. Dockray commented that one of Ms. Luksha's primary responsibilities will be to continue Tri-County's presence on social media. She will also assist in the development of the Education Foundation and continue with efforts in the online admissions process.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mr. Trask asked for a moment of silence in Bob Rappa's memory and read the following resolution:

*A Resolution of Respect for Robert Rappa*

*We the members of Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District School Committee, want the family of Robert Rappa to know that our hearts are full and we mourn the passing of our dear colleague and friend.*

*Whereas, Bob, having served the Tri-County School District continuously since its inception in 1977 with his lengthy and dedicated service as a founding father, committee member, chair of the committee, and several subcommittees.*

*Whereas, Bob contributed to Tri-County by offering his wise counsel concerning all matters relating to vocational education, the students, the school, and its staff.*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School Committee will mourn with his family and endeavor to continue the dedication of Robert Rappa.*

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (continued)**

Mr. Trask added that Mr. Rappa was more than just a School Committee member and dear family member. He was also deeply involved in the Franklin business and town community.

The School Committee observed a moment of silence in Mr. Rappa's memory.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Bill Galligan reported on the following current and future activities of students:

- Quarter three in full swing; freshmen in second week of shops, sophomores preparing for their shop process demonstrations, juniors finishing senior project papers, seniors are presenting their senior projects and waiting for college acceptance letters.
- Essays from MassInsight's mock AP exam have been sent to English teachers.
- Robotics Club is at the end of their build season; preparing for competition.
- Robotics first competition will take place March 8 at WPL. Bill brought the robot for demonstration.
- National Honor Society is hosting talent show February 18.
- SkillsUSA District Competition will take place March 2.
- Girls Varsity basketball team has qualified for the Tournament.
- Boys Basketball record is 4 and 12.
- Ice Hockey is 8, 5 and 4, qualifying for the Tournament.
- Six wrestlers have qualified for the D3 State Tournament.
- Cheerleaders qualified for State Regionals and will host the State Vocational Competition on February 25.
- Spring sports signups will take place March 9.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### ***Freshman Vocational Program Selections***

Mr. Dockray reported that a total of 278 freshmen were placed on January 30: 238 received first choice; 36 received second choice; 4 received third choice. Medical Careers, CIS and Engineering were the top choices.

#### ***FY2018 Budget***

Mr. Dockray reported that the Budget Subcommittee met previous to the meeting and Mr. Bento will summarize.

#### ***Budget Breakfast with Legislators & Town Administrators***

Mr. Dockray reported that a budget breakfast is scheduled for Friday, March 3, at 9:00 AM

#### ***MSBA Statement of Interest***

Mr. Dockray reported that the MSBA SOI has been filed under the Accelerated Repair Program, to repair the roofs, windows and doors.

#### ***Letter to State Legislators***

Mr. Dockray reported that a letter was sent to state legislators urging support of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's recommendation to increase health care and special education components of the Foundation Budget. The Commission found that Massachusetts is underestimating the cost of K-12 education by \$1-2 billion each year forcing districts to cut in other areas.

#### ***PLTW Grant***

Mr. Dockray reported that a Project Lead the Way Grant was filed for up to \$50K to add a Biomedical component to the existing Health Assisting course next year for grades 10 and 11.

Mr. Dockray indicated that beyond 2017-2018, the plan is to add a new Chapter 74 Program in Biomedical Laboratory Technology.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (continued)**

### ***CIS-CyberPatriot***

Mr. Dockray reported that the CIS grade 10 CyberPatriot Team finished third in the Northeast Region, competing against teams from MA, RI, CT, MY, NH and ME.

## **BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Bento reported that the Budget Subcommittee met just before the School Committee meeting to review the proposed FY18 budget. Highlights included:

- State required net school spending revenues increased by \$576,329.
- Proposed FY18 budget is \$19,227,481 (a 3.1% increase).
- Proposed member town assessments are \$11,722,896 (a 4.9% increase)
- Member town assessments are driven by the state-mandated Required Minimum Contribution
- Required Minimum Contribution represents 91.8% of the assessment increase.
- A budget hearing will be held at the beginning of the March School Committee meeting and the School Committee will be asked to approve the FY18 Proposed Budget.

Ms. Young requested a copy of the summary/report be included in the next packet.

## **AGREEMENT WITH ATTLEBORO UNDER M.G.L.c.76, s.12 FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Mr. Dockray indicated that the previous agreement with Attleboro ends March 1, 2017, and referred to the draft Memorandum of Agreement between Tri-County and Attleboro for the 2017-2018 school year. He indicated the changes: first change (under para 2, as requested by Attleboro) - incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are only eligible to attend for participation in the vocational program identified as their number one choice on their application; second change: tuition increase to \$13,382 per student to align with the new foundation budget.

Mr. Dockray indicated there are 17 applications and admission will be granted to in-district students first, before consideration is given to Attleboro students. Mr. Dockray recommends approval of the Agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Mr. Hoegler that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Attleboro District School Committee and the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee, for the school year 2017-2018, to allow students who reside in Attleboro to attend Tri-County RVTHS, under the terms of the Agreement.

In response to a question, Mr. Dockray indicated that there is an approximate (\$2K) difference between out-of-district tuition and the Attleboro tuition.

Ms. Young expressed her opposition to the Agreement indicating that Attleboro should pay the same amount as other out-of-district towns.

*Motion passed with one abstention.*

## **FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

Mr. Procaccini requested that the School Committee approve two upcoming field trips for the Robotics Team:

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson and seconded by Ms. Young that the School Committee approve a field trip for the Robotics Team to attend a competition at WPI, March 8-10, 2017.

In response to a question, Mr. Roy indicated the Robotics Club has does have enough funds to cover the two requested field trips.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**FIELD TRIP REQUESTS (continued)**

A motion was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. Hamilton that the School Committee approve a field trip for the Robotics Team to attend a FIRST Robotics Pine Tree competition in Lewiston, Maine, March 30 – April 1, 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 \$1,574,016.53.

Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Operating Warrant # 83	\$21,063.97	Payroll Warrant # 15	\$485,430.72
Operating Warrant # 84	\$11,718.39	Payroll Warrant # 16	\$496,840.60
Operating Warrant # 84A	\$81,008.86	Operating Warrant # 89	skipped
Operating Warrant # 84B	\$87,946.58	Operating Warrant # 90	\$258,014.89
Operating Warrant # 85	\$234,792.87	Operating Warrant # 91	\$46,707.48
Operating Warrant # 86	\$20,050.59	Operating Warrant # 92	\$25,855.82
Operating Warrant # 87	\$12,112.44		
Operating Warrant # 87A	\$89,847.76	Activity Warrant # 12	\$205.00
Operating Warrant # 88	\$32,998.75	Activity Warrant # 13	\$777.24

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

***Wrestling Field Trip***

Mr. Procaccini requested that the School Committee approve an additional Field Trip due to the recent success of six wrestlers who qualified for the State Division 3 Tournament.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Ms. Young that the School Committee approve a Field Trip for the Wrestling team to attend the State Tournament in Haverhill MA, February 17-18, 2017.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

***Other***

Mr. Trask asked members to keep Ms. Cabibbo and family in their thoughts due to a family illness.

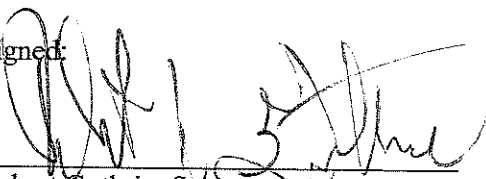
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Motion carried unanimously.*

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Signed:



Robert Guthrie, *Secretary*  
Tri-County School Committee