

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

Minutes – March 15, 2017

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

***Members Present:***

Steven Trask, Chairman, Franklin  
Donna Cabibbo, Vice Chair, Millis  
Robert Guthrie, Secretary, North Attleboro  
Richard Bassett, Wrentham  
Douglas Brown, Seekonk  
Paul Carbone, Franklin  
Jonathan Dowse, Sherborn  
Louis Hoegler, Walpole  
Linda Reynolds, Medway  
Robert Wilkinson, Plainville

***Members Not Present:***

Adeline Bee, North Attleboro  
David Bento, Medfield  
Kathi Hamilton, Norfolk  
Janice Young, Walpole

***Others Present:***

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

*Motion passed with 5 abstentions.*

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Reynolds that the Public Budget Hearing be declared open. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Trask declared the Public Budget Meeting open. As there were no public entities present, Mr. Trask asked for the Public Budget Hearing to be closed.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Brown that the Public Budget Hearing be closed. *Motion carried unanimously*

Mr. Trask declared the Public Budget Meeting closed.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mr. Trask introduced Richard Bassett, new member representing Wrentham, and asked Mr. Bassett to say a few words of introduction.

Mr. Bassett gave a brief description of his background which includes several years of service in different capacities to YMCA camps. Mr. Bassett's interests lie in national resources and the environment. Mr. Bassett has experience as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher in Michigan and a conservation crew chief for a prison in Nevada, where he mentored inmates and began a GED program.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

- Freshman settling into shops; sophomores selected courses for next year.
- Juniors have submitted senior project papers.
- Seniors are making decisions on college choices.
- Drama Club has been practicing for their performance.
- National Honor Society held annual Speedball Tournament and Talent Show.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (continued)**

- Robotics Team attended the first of two competitions held at WPI. The team moved to 8<sup>th</sup> place overall by the end of competition but lost to the second seed in the best 2 of 3. The Team also won the Judges' Award.
- Winter Sports Awards taking place this evening.
- Boys Basketball was 15-5; qualified for the MIAA state tournament. Lost in the quarterfinals. Won the Mayflower Conference for the third straight year.
- Ice Hockey' record was 8-8-4 and qualified for the third time in four years for MIAA State Tournament.
- Wrestling's record was 14-4; team was second in the League. Eight wrestlers qualified for Division 3 States, 5 qualified for All States and Senior, Joe Townsend was Division 3 State Champion.
- Cheerleaders qualified for Regional and States.
- Spring sports will begin March 20.

In response to questions, Bill indicated the Robotics challenge was "Steamworks." Also, the Judges' Award was given for recognition of the Tri-County team's efforts in saving their robotics program.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### ***Budget Breakfast***

Mr. Dockray reported that the Budget Breakfast was held on March 3, 2017. Attendees included Linda Reynolds; Representatives Dooley and Roy; Ms. Mehta, Aide to Senator Spilka; Town Administrators for North Attleboro and Medway; Finance Directors from Seekonk and Sherborn; Controller and Assistant Controller from Franklin.

Mr. Dockray and Mr. Roy reviewed the final assessments for next year, explaining that a majority of the change was due to the adjustment in the minimum local contribution. The State budget formula was also reviewed.

Ms. Reynolds indicated that the presentation was very informative considering that there were quite a few representatives present and new to their offices and new to the school.

### ***Library Showcase***

Mr. Dockray reported that on March 7, Ariel Dagan, Media Specialist, Mary Ellen MacLeod, Co-Op Coordinator, Jodie Luksha, Marketing Coordinator, and two students participated in this event at the State House. The two students exhibited their senior projects, one in Carpentry and one in Legal and Protective Services. The exhibits were visited by several legislators, including Senator Timilty of Walpole who posed for a picture with the two students.

### ***Memorandum of Agreement with Attleboro District School Committee***

Mr. Dockray reported that the MOA with Attleboro District School Committee has been signed by both parties and will be in effect for next school year.

### ***Franklin Knights of Columbus Breakfast***

Mr. Dockray reported that the Franklin Knights of Columbus have contracted to use our cafeteria for their Breakfast on March 19. Culinary students and instructors will prepare and serve. Mr. Dockray noted that as part of their 100-year celebration, Cardinal O'Malley will be the guest of honor.

### ***Tee Off for Tri-County – Annual Fund Raiser***

Mr. Dockray reminded members that Tri-County's Annual Fund Raiser for student activities, Tee Off for Tri-County, is being held on **June 9**, at Wentworth Hills Country Club in Plainville starting at 12:30 PM. Mr. Dockray added that this year the Golf Tournament is being run through the Foundation in hopes of attracting more donations. \$125/Golfer; \$500/Foursome, various sponsorship opportunities \$150-1000.

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

In response to a question, Mr. Dockray indicated that golf flyers will be available. Also, thank-you letters are sent to all who donate.

It was suggested that the sponsorship banners be brought into the school after the event. Mr. Hoegler requested that a list of donors be given to the School Committee.

## **CERTIFY BUDGET AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS**

Mr. Brown reported that the total expenditure budget is \$19,227,481. The Operating and Capital Budget increase is \$583,699 (3.1%). The total assessment increase to member towns is \$549,677 (4.9%). The largest component of member town assessments is the minimum contribution which is determined by the State and which increased by \$557,069. Next year we are contributing \$151,471 to the OPEB Trust Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Cabibbo that the School Committee adopt a gross budget for FY18 in the total amount of \$18,227,481.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dowse that the School Committee certify the assessments to the member towns for fiscal year FY18 in the amount of \$11,722,896 and to appropriate the amount of \$151,472 from the District’s certified Excess and Deficiency Account.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dowse that the School Committee send the gross budget of \$18,227,481 and the certified assessments of \$11,722,896 to the member towns.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Roy and his team for their support.

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AWARD**

Mr. Roy reported that due to the expiration of the current transportation contract at the end of this year, an RFP was solicited. One bid was received. After review of the bid, Mr. Roy requested that the School Committee award the contract for a three year period with a two-year option to W. T. Holmes, Norfolk, MA. In response to questions, Mr. Roy indicated: W. T. Holmes is the current transportation contractor; the quoted prices were: first year: \$1,023,300 (6.78% increase); second year: \$1,057,500 (3.17% increase); third year: \$1,092,600 (3.08% increase); the request for bids was advertised through the State’s Goods and Services Bulletin, local newspaper, and on the State’s CommBuys eProcurement list as well.

It was noted that W. T. Holmes has held the contract for many years and the company has provided excellent service to the district.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Trask that the Contract for Bus Transportation for Tri-County be awarded to W. T. Holmes of Norfolk, MA, as presented.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## **REPORT ON SOLAR POWER USAGE**

Mr. Roy explained the comparisons detailed in the three charts which were distributed to members. In summary, Tri-County saved \$55K for seven months of this year and received a credit last year of \$140K.

## **INTRODUCTION OF WINTER SPORTS COACHES AND CAPTAINS**

Mr. Kubiak, Athletic Director introduced the Winter Sports Coaches and Athletes: Ice Hockey Coach Mark Spillane and Senior Captain CJ Roy; Cheerleading Coach Lindsay Melanson and Senior Captain Daelyn Hiduchick, Boys Basketball Coach Anthony Mazzola and Senior Captain Tyler Clemente; Girls Basketball

**INTRODUCTION OF WINTER SPORTS COACHES AND CAPTAINS (continued)**

Coach Ryan Hippert and Senior Captain Kate Loonie; Varsity Wrestling Coach Steve LaPlante and Captain Joe Townsend.

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Coach LaPlante explained that Joe Townsend is Tri-County’s first Division 3 State Champion; came in fifth in the All States; won two matches at the New England’s defeating the No. 3 from Vermont and the Maine state champion; holds the single season record for victories at 39; and went the whole season unpinned. Mr. Kubiak added that Townsend was voted MVP for the second year in a row.

Other accolades went to Kate Loonie, third leading scorer in girls TC history and player of the year for the second year in a row. Tyler Clemente was league All Star.

It was noted that the athletic teams of Tri-County make us proud, have competed well, and it is noteworthy when Tri-County has brought home the Sportsmanship award in the past. It is a reflection of the caliber of our athletes and coaches.

**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 \$1,581,888.72.

Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Operating Warrant # 89	\$3,311.67	Operating Warrant # 98	\$1,633.00
Operating Warrant # 93	\$13,877.25	Operating Warrant # 99	\$198,900.65
Operating Warrant # 94	\$21,092.87	Operating Warrant # 101	\$205,000.00
Operating Warrant # 94A	\$76,807.56		
Operating Warrant # 94B	\$92,457.03	Payroll Warrant # 17	\$502,862.04
Operating Warrant # 95	\$272,091.71	Payroll Warrant # 18	\$480,384.22
Operating Warrant # 96	\$14,904.82		
Operating Warrant # 97	\$11,264.00	Activity Warrant # 14	\$500.00
Operating Warrant # 97A	\$86,291.54	Activity Warrant # 15	\$6,044.01

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

***Letter to Legislators Supporting Bill 223***

Mr. Dockray reported that at the last MAVA meeting, members voted to issue a press release supporting the bill and requested school committees to do likewise.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Guthrie that the School Committee approve that a press release be issued that supports Senate Bill S223 in support of the Foundation Budget Review Commission’s recommendation.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

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

***Field Trip Request***

Mr. Procaccini noted that due to the success of the Robotics Team there may be a chance they will be invited to the regional championships at UNH. He requested the School Committee approve a field trip for the Robotics Team on April 5-6, 2017 to the FIRST FRC Robotics District Championships at UNH.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowse and seconded by Ms. Cabibbo that the School Committee approve a Field Trip for approximately 16 students to attend the Robotics District Championships as presented, if the team is invited.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

***Other***

Mr. Carbone urged members to keep current on a key situation at the national level regarding the proposed cuts to the education budget. Updates may be found in the NSBA newsletter.

Mr. Hoegler urged Ms. Reynolds to consider applying for one of the MASC committees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Motion carried unanimously.*

The School Committee meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Signed:



Robert Guthrie, *Secretary*  
Tri-County School Committee