

**ASSABET VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

February 12, 2013

The School Committee met in regular session on the above date in the Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chair. Members present were Mr. Valarioti, Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Denman arrived at 7:50 PM. Also present were Mrs. Nawrocki, Mr. Collins and Mr. Hollick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Valarioti and seconded by Ms. Simms George to approve the regular session meeting minutes of January 29, 2013 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by Mr. Valarioti, Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Ryan.

BILLS AND PAYROLL: Warrants were on the table for signatures.

AUDIENCE

Russ Mangsen was present to discuss the way that Tantasqua Regional High School runs their building program. A handout was distributed outlining the program.

Russ next gave an overview of the projects that the Assabet students are currently working on and some methods that can be used to obtain projects in the future.

A copy of the current House building Policy was distributed for member review.

SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Nawrocki discussed the following information that was included in her mailed report:

- A letter from the Office of the State Auditor outlining the opinion from State Auditor Bump of Chapter 222, An Act Relative to Student Access to Education Services and Exclusion from school
- The sample copy of the Student Performance Profile booklet that is being distributed as part of the budget presentations to the towns
- An update on the MA Teaching Model Implementation Update and where the administrators and teachers are in the process
- Information on the legal opinion from MASC concerning the RETELL certification and professional development requirements adopted by DESE

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

A second reading on the FY14 Program of Studies was postponed until the next meeting.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Collins reviewed his mailed Fiscal & Operations Update memo as follows:

- FY14 Budget: A vote will need to be taken tonight to set member community assessments.
- Renovation Project Update – bid opening schedule
- Update on the Mass Healthcare Reform Act

Mr. Denman arrived at 7:50 PM.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Mr. Hollick presented the following:

A request was made for out-of-state travel to New York City for forty-six students on March 29, 2013 with four chaperones; as well as approval for a possible second trip on April 9, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Ross to approve the request. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-1. Voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Valarioti was opposed.

A request was made for approval of an overnight travel request for ten Assabet Valley Student Council students and one chaperone to attend the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils spring conference in Hyannis, Massachusetts from March 6-8, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Ross to approve the request. The motion was passed unanimously by Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

A revision to the previously approved 2013/2014 school calendar was presented to the committee for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Simms George and seconded by Mrs. Ross to approve the revised calendar. The motion was passed unanimously by Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

Application numbers for the past three years, broken down by town, were presented as requested at a previous meeting.

School Counsel is reviewing the medical marijuana issue and Mr. Hollick will have follow up information at a future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY14 BUDGET

At 8:10 PM, the public hearing on the FY14 budget was opened. Members discussed the FY14 Budget.

At 8:20 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Valarioti and seconded by Mr. George to close the public hearing on the FY14 budget. The motion was passed unanimously by Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

BUDGET

Mr. Collins made a recommendation that the District School Committee set the FY14 member assessments as outlined in the distributed handout for a total assessment of \$8,386,475 and a total

capital assessment for the renovation project of \$15,000. The motion was passed by a vote of 7-0. Voting 'yea' on the motion were Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan. There were no 'nay' votes.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Mrs. Ross made a motion, as recommended by the Superintendent Search Subcommittee, that the District School Committee appoint Mr. Patrick Collins to the position of Superintendent subject to reaching an agreement on a contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Simms George. The motion was passed unanimously by Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

A motion was made by Mr. Valarioti and seconded by Mr. George to authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair to enter into negotiations with Mr. Collins. The motion was passed unanimously by Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were mailed to members:

- A calendar of events through March 6, 2013
- Notation that the next two School Committee meetings are scheduled for March 5 and March 19
- Budget and Town meeting calendar
- Letter from the Hudson Food Pantry thanking the First Robotics Team for a recent donation

PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Valarioti and seconded by Mrs. Ross to appoint James Mongeau to the Precision Machine Program Advisory Committee for a period of four years. The motion was passed unanimously by Ms. Simms George, Mr. Luoto, Mr. Valarioti, Mr. George, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

OTHER

During a discussion on the admissions numbers, Mr. Luoto commended the Admissions team on increasing the numbers over the past several years.

At 8:35 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Valarioti and seconded by Mr. George to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously by Mr. George, Mr. Luoto, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Valarioti, Ms. Simms George, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Ryan.

The minutes herein were recorded by the Clerk, approved by the Committee and so noted in a subsequent record.

Joseph A. Valarioti, Secretary

Accompanying Paperwork – School Committee Meeting of February 12, 2013

Meeting minutes of January 29, 2013

Tantasqua Regional School Building packet

Assabet Valley Policy on House Building Program

Superintendent's Report dated February 12, 2013

Office of the State Auditor Press Release titled, New Unfunded Mandate Creates Cost Burden for Local School Districts

Student Performance Profile booklet sample

RETELL/Certification letter from Long & DiPietro

Letter and backup information from Mark Hollick to School Committee members requesting approval of a New York City trip for students

Letter and backup information from Mark Hollick to School Committee members requesting approval for Student Council students to attend the spring conference

Proposed, revised 2013/2014 school calendar

Admissions figures for a three-year period

Fiscal & Operations Update memo and budget information from Mr. Collins dated February 4, 2013

Update and Information memo from Mrs. Nawrocki dated February 6, 2013

Budget and Town meeting calendar

Letter from Hudson Food Pantry dated December 31, 2012

Program Advisory Committee Memo to School Committee members dated February 12, 2013

Program Advisory Committee application information for James Mongeau