

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
January 7, 2004

SAU No. 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Present: Mr. Brayall, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stack,
Dr. McDonald.

Absent: Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Brayall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked that the Board join him in a moment of silence in memory of Michael Brennan of Sandown, TRHS Class of 2001. Roll call was taken

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Stack,

Voted: To approve the minutes of the December 18, 2003, meeting.

Passed: Unanimously.

Delegations and Individuals - None

Current Business

a. Public Hearing - Dr. McDonald received a request from the Technology Department to move the January 15 Public Hearing from the PAC recital hall to the main hall. New broadcasting equipment has been installed in the main hall and it would mean dismantling to move to another location. The Board had no objection to relocating the Public Hearing to the main hall.

b. 2002-2003 Audit - Mr. Stokinger advised the audit finding indicates all financial statements are in order but the presentation of the statements does not comply GASB #34. The District did not include fixed assets information on the financial statements and must do so. Mr. Stokinger reported that the District has purchased a new software program specifically for fixed assets and the technology department is working on implementing that program. The audit also included a recommendation that internal accounting controls need to be improved for student activities funds and that school bookkeepers attend a mandatory seminar on proper control over these funds. Mr. Stokinger will be arranging for the workshop. The Board asked for an update at the close of the school year.

c. Proposed 2004-2005 Budget and Default Budget – Dr. McDonald reviewed the proposed budget in the amount of 46,643,882 and the loss of revenue due to the State's new adequacy funding formula. Mr. Bruno pointed out that the budget increase of 6.82% is made up of 4.8% for contractual obligations and 2.0% for all other accounts.

d. Proposed Warrant – The Board reviewed draft #3 of the proposed warrant. No petition articles have been received to date. After reviewing Article #3, Amendment to Articles of Agreement, there was consensus to change the wording to read: (1) "*The Timberlane Regional School District shall be responsible for the public education of grades kindergarten through 12*" and (2) "*The Timberlane Regional School District shall provide transportation for all pupils grades kindergarten through 12, to the schools within the district, consistent with the provisions of RSA 189:6 and 189:8...*"

Dr. McDonald will check with school counsel to see if the warrant can be changed before the Public Hearing, as a legal notice has been published with current wording of Article #3. Board members requested that the explanation on Article #4, Kindergarten Classrooms, indicate that there will be no tax impact and that the 75% Building Aid is up front money.

Mr. Bruno announced that he would not be seeking re-election to his School Board seat.

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald attended a State-sponsored workshop on meningitis and has shared that information with his administrative team. Dr. McDonald and Mr. DiBartolomeo will receive the NH State Council of the Arts award for "Arts in Education" on January 11 in Concord. Dr. McDonald asked if the SAU Evaluation Committee meeting scheduled for January 20 could be changed as he has been asked to meet with the Hampstead Budget Committee on that evening.

Dr. McDonald presented a request from Timothy Lena for an overnight field trip for 15 students to attend the Teen Institute's Peer Outreach Training Retreat on January 23-25. Mrs. Hall requested a Non Public Session at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Personnel - None

Committee Reports

Budget - Will meet January 8, SAU - 7:00 p.m.

Curriculum - Will meet January 13, SAU - 7:30 p.m.

Facilities - Will meet January 26, SAU - 9:30 a.m.

Safety - Tentative date of January 16, Mrs. Champey will confirm if okay.

Reports of School Board - Mrs. Robinson commented on the excellent TEN broadcasts of various holiday concerts. Mrs. Robinson also thanked the 7th grade class of Mrs. Boyle-Steed for participating in the Lion's Club Citizenship & Patriotism contest. Mrs. Champey attended Danville's Enrichment Day activities. Board members expressed their condolences to the family of Michael Brennan.

Mr. Brayall reported that the Sandown modulars have been removed from the site. Dr. McDonald said the area would be cordoned off until spring when site repair could be initiated.

Correspondence - Reviewed by Board

Vendor and Payroll - Approved by Board

Dr. McDonald requested a Non Public session to discuss a personnel issue.

Non Public Session

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Luongo,

Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 8:30 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3II (c) student and staff issues.

Those voting in the affirmative: Mr. Brayall, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stack.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bruno,

Voted: To come out of Non Public Session at 8:50 p.m.

Action was taken in Non Public Session.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bruno, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick
Clerk