

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

Regular Meeting
March 4, 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. Student Council representatives led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Robinson,

Voted: To approve the minutes of the January 7, 2004, minutes with the following correction: Current Business, item c – add \$ symbol to proposed budget.

Passed: Unanimously.

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council representatives Tamryn Crescento and Liz Mulcahy reported on school and Council activities including regional conference, teacher appreciation day, Mr. Timberlane contest, wrestling team winning Class L championship, and girls' ski team results.

Current Business

a. Retiring Board Members - Mr. Brayall, Board members, and Dr. McDonald recognized Karen Robinson and Ralph Bruno for their outstanding years of service on the School Board. Members also thanked Mr. Brayall for his leadership during the past year as Board Chair.

b. Proposed Cultural Exchange - John Dube and Scott Strainge reviewed a proposal for a cultural exchange with Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu, Hawaii. Approximately 5 to 10 juniors from the AP United States History course would participate and would pay their own expenses, offset by any fund raising activities. The event would take place at the end of the school year and Hawaiian students would be invited to Timberlane for a week during the fall semester. A brief question and answer period followed the presentation.

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

Voted: To approve the cultural awareness exchange as presented.

Passed: Unanimously.

c. Graduation - Principal Coker asked the Board to consider eliminating caps and gowns for faculty, administration and Board due to cost. There was consensus of the Board that the accoutrements added dignity to the ceremony and they would like to continue the tradition.

Dr. McDonald advised that Friday, June 11 could be set as a tentative date for graduation, assuming no more than one additional snow day.

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

Voted: To set the graduation date as June 11, 2004.

Passed: Unanimously.

Mr. Coker advised that an opportunity would be offered to 18 year olds who would like to participate in the voting process on March 9. Mr. Dawson's class has studied and discussed the pros and cons of the issues placed on the four town ballots and the school district ballot. Students participated in the State primary election and will do so again in November.

d. Evaluation - Joean Griffin and Paul Hyman reviewed proposed changes and additions to the Evaluation Plan in order to clarify and strengthen the "Assistance Plan" portion on the plan, which is focused on addressing an educator's performance in areas that require change. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Mr. Hyman noted the plan would apply to a very small number of teachers and language needs to be very precise. Mrs. Hall asked that a glossary be added to the document.

On a motion by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bruno,
Voted: To approve the proposed revisions to the Evaluation Plan.
Passed: Unanimously.

Non Public Session

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bruno,
Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 8:50 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3II(c) for a student issue.

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 9:40 p.m.
Passed: Unanimously.

Action was taken in Non Public Session

Current Business, continued

e. NEASC Reports – Mrs. Griffin briefly reviewed the results of the NEASC reports on the five elementary schools. Overall the reports were very positive and reflective of the school, school district, and community. Mrs. Griffin commented on the seven standards for accreditation, the visiting teams commendations, recommendations, and the District's curriculum and review process. Copies of the reports will be sent to town offices and libraries. The Board asked that letters be sent to each of the five schools recognizing faculty and staff for their exceptional efforts during the evaluation process.

f. Proposed 2004-2005 School Calendar – Dr. McDonald presented the first draft of the 2004-2005 calendar with an August 30 start date for students and ending on June 13 without any snow days. Board members made several recommendations regarding professional development days, early release days, Thanksgiving and December breaks. Dr. McDonald will submit a second draft at the March 18 Board meeting.

g. Update on Regional Selectmen's Meeting and School Funding – Dr. McDonald thanked selectmen for holding the meeting and felt it was useful and informative. New funding figure under SB 302, a revised version of HB 608, have been released and Mrs. Robinson summarized the changes for the four Timberlane towns. The bill will be forwarded to the House for further action.

h. Review Board Goals – Mr. Brayall reviewed the six Board goals for 2003-2004 and the Board felt that they had been completed satisfactorily. Mrs. Robinson reviewed Curriculum and Assessment goals and updated the Board on the progress and timeline of all curriculum areas, District-wide assessment and other programs overseen by the Committee.

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald reminded citizens to vote on March 9 and advised if anyone needed a copy of the Annual Report to contact the SAU Office.

Personnel – Dr. McDonald presented the credentials of Ryan Lanctot for the Bridges position at the TRMS, and Ryan Richman for a Social Studies position at the TRHS.

On a motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Robinson,
Voted: To elect Ryan Lanctot and Ryan Richman to teaching positions in the Timberlane Regional School District.
Passed: Unanimously.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Luongo,
Voted: To accept the resignation of Cindy Wood, Danville teacher, currently on a one-year leave of absence.
Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald advised of several maternity and medical leaves of absence.

Committee Reports

Facilities - Will meet March 15, 9:30 a.m., SAU Office

Safety - Will meet March 12,, 9:30 a.m., SAU Office

Mrs. Champey reported on January 30 Safety meeting. Step stool training has been completed at Atkinson and will move on to Pollard. The Committee reviewed emergency evacuation plans and mylar blankets have been ordered for Danville and Sandown.

Mrs. Hall attended a Professional Development Committee meeting where the 2004-2005 school calendar was a topic of discussion.

Reports of School Board – Board members reported on their attendance at Jazz All-State, TRMS musical, kindergarten forums and safety forum in Sandown.

Correspondence - Reviewed by Board

Vendor and Payroll – Mrs. Hall has reviewed bills and approved them for payment.

Mr. Paone requested a Non Public Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Non Public Session

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

Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 10:50 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3II (c) staff issue.

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 Mr. Paone, seconded by Mr. Bruno,

Voted: To come out of Non Public Session at 11:05 p.m.

Passed: Unanimously.

No 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 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick
Clerk