

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

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2004

SAU No. 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Absent:

Mrs. Champey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the March 4, 2004, minutes.

Passed: 7 in favor, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin).

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council representatives Andrea Fuller and Katie Kneeland reported on school and Council activities including pep rally, fundraisers, Teacher Appreciation Day, Foreign Language Honor Society induction ceremony, music activities and regional conference to be held at TRHS in April.

Current Business

a. Change for Evening School Program – Dr. McDonald and Mr. Coker reviewed a proposal to reorganize the evening diploma program, evening enrichment program and school-to-career program. Staffing changes would eliminate the positions of Adult Education Director and School-to-Work Coordinator and create a new position of Assistant Principal – Evening Division. A full time administrator would cover both the high school and middle school until 9:00 or 10:00 p.m., five evenings per week. The financial impact would be negligible as combined salaries for the eliminated positions would be sufficient to fund the new position. Incorporating the evening diploma program into the total high school program will increase revenues since the District will be eligible for state adequacy money for students under 21. The current evening program has an enrollment of 22; Mr. Coker envisions the program expanding to over 200 students. Students, who might otherwise drop out of school, would benefit from the more flexible alternative school option. Enrichment programs would be on a tuition or fee basis to the community. A lengthy question and answer period followed the presentation.

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

Voted: To approve the new Evening Division program as presented.

Passed: 8 in favor, 1 abstention (Mr. Baldwin).

Mr. Coker advised that the TRHS has installed a new auto-call system to parents of students who are absent.

b. Adequate Funding Educational Issue – Michael Asselin of Danville discussed the Coalition for Adequate Education Funding, it's goals and principles, organizational structure, current membership, future activities, the current funding formula and its negative aspects. The towns of Danville and Sandown have joined the Coalition, Plaistow is working with the group and Atkinson has not been approached. Mr. Asselin asked the Board to consider joining the Coalition. Dr. McDonald advised that the NHSBA and NHSAA are supportive of the Coalition. Mrs. Hall asked the Board to take the request under advisement until Board members have a chance to discuss the issue with their Boards of Selectmen.

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

Voted: To take the request under advisement and put the item on the April 15th agenda.

Passed: 8 in favor, 1 abstention (Mrs. Robinson).

c. Calendar 2004-2005 School Year – Dr. McDonald presented drafts # 2, 3, 4, and 5, with a change in early release days, and varying start dates for Thanksgiving and December vacation. Mrs. Hall asked for percentage of attendance on the day before Thanksgiving and start of December vacation for previous school years. The Board could not reach consensus on one calendar. Dr. McDonald will ask for input from the Teachers Association and members of the Class of 2005. The calendar will be agenda item on April 1.

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald advised that the recount for the Plaistow School Board position would take place on Saturday, March 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The School Board, School District Clerk and School District Moderator are the Board of Recount.

Destination Imagination will be held at the TRHS on Saturday, March 20. Dr. McDonald invited all to attend the event.

Personnel – Dr. McDonald advised of the following resignations, effective at the end of the current school year:

Bellerose, Kerri – Atkinson, SPED
Drzal, Barbara – TRMS, SPED
Gosselin, Lisa – TRMS, SPED
Mazzeo, Susan – TRHS, Spanish
O'Callahan, Christopher – TRMS, SPED Dept. Chair
Saul, Rachel – Danville, Grade 4
True, Carli – TRMS, SPED

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stack,
Voted: To accept the above resignations.
Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald advised of a maternity leave of absence.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Met March 15. Mrs. Hall reported that building projects are very near closeout and Mr. Stokinger is working on final figures. The Committee reviewed spring projects and issues at the TRHS with transformers and boilers. Will meet again on Monday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the SAU Office.

Safety - Met March 12. Mrs. Champey reported the group continues to monitor the Risk Management Plan. The Step Stool training program took place at the Pollard School on Monday. A topic of discussion was bus monitors, and Mr. Coker will get input from other principals and report back at the next Safety Committee meeting.

Mrs. Champey attended a Transition Committee meeting where the TRMS pilot program was reviewed. 6th and 7th graders will have a chance in June to meet with their grade level teachers for the 2004-05 school year.

Reports of School Board – Board members welcomed back Mr. Baldwin from his active military service in Kuwait, congratulated newly elected members, and thanked voters for their support. Mrs. Withee noted that Pollard School was participating in the Junior Achievement program. Mrs. Champey advised that the NH Dept. of Education has approved all Timberlane schools. The Chair also asked Board members to think about committee assignments and get back to her.

Correspondence – None

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

Dr. McDonald requested a Non Public Session to discuss a student issue.

Non Public Session

On a motion by Mr. Paone, seconded by Mr. Brayall,
Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 9:20 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3II(c) for a student issue.

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

On a motion by Mr. Luongo, seconded by Mr. Paone,
Voted: To come out of Non Public Session at 10:14 p.m.
Passed: Unanimously.

Action was taken in Non Public Session

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick
Clerk