

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

Regular Meeting  
April 15, 2004

SAU No. 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Stack, Mrs. Withee,  
Dr McDonald.

Absent: Mr. Brayall, Mr. Paone.

Mrs. Champey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Student Council representative led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the April 1, 2004, meeting with the following correction:

Page 3 – Non Public Session, add Peter Taylor as being present during that session.

Passed: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions (Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey).

### **Delegations and Individuals**

Student Council representative Kelsey Janowicz reported on school and Council activities including regional conference held at TRHS, Kids Night Out for elementary students, Big Buddy/Little Buddy Day on May 12 with Danville second graders, plans for Student Council banquet, spring sports, drama productions, and community service projects. Mr. Stack commented that the efforts of the Student Council benefit the entire school and community.

### **Current Business**

a. Destination Imagination Teams – Representatives from the Sandown Central and Timberlane Regional Middle School Destination Imagination teams, who recently won both regional and state finals, addressed the Board regarding their accomplishments. The teams will be competing in the World Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee from May 26 to May 30. Team members requested financial assistance and Dr. McDonald advised that the 2003-2004 budget has money allocated for that event and recommended supporting the teams in the amount of \$6,348 to assist with transportation costs.

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

Voted: To authorize an expenditure of \$6348 to assist with transportation for the two Destination Imagination teams.

Passed: Unanimously.

b. Coalition – Adequate Funding of Education – Michael Asselin of Danville advised that three more boards have joined the Coalition since his last meeting with the Timberlane Board on March 18: Concord City Council, Keene Board of Education and SAU 46 School Board. Primary focus will be to define what adequate education actually is, determine what the cost of adequate education is, and then submit three or four funding options to the State Legislature for consideration. Mrs. Hall met with the Atkinson Board of Selectmen and they felt their elected State representatives should resolve the education funding issue. Mr. Luongo spoke on behalf of the Coalition's efforts. Dr. McDonald noted that the NHSBA and NHSAA would be assisting the Coalition in the definition process.

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

Voted: That the Timberlane Regional School Board joins the Coalition for Adequate Education Funding.

Passed: 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Mrs. Hall), 1 abstention (Mrs. Aubrey).

Mr. Asselin asked that the Board name a contact person and a member to be appointed to the Steering Committee; the Chair will do that at a later date.

c. Facilities – Mr. Taylor was scheduled to address the Board but could not do so due to personal reasons. He will be placed on the next agenda. Mrs. Hall reported that site work would take place at Sandown Central

over April vacation. Mrs. Hall and school administration met with a representative from Energy Education, a conservation company, and will forward that discussion to the Facilities Committee in May. Mr. Taylor is working on the TRHS transformers issue. He has met with a representative from the boiler company, who is proposing a one-year plan to monitor the boilers before replacing them.

d. Board Committees – Mrs. Champey announced the following Committee chairs:

Facilities – Carole Hall  
Curriculum & Assessment – Brian Stack  
Personnel – William Luongo  
Policy – Richard Brayall  
Budget Committee – Jack Paone  
Technology – William Luongo  
Professional Development – Carole Hall  
Transition Committee – Arlene Champey

Mrs. Champey appointed Mr. Brayall as Board Goals Chair with Mr. Baldwin and Mrs. Withee as Committee members.

**Administrator's Report** - Dr. McDonald displayed a work of art depicting the Governor's Arts in Education Award. The piece will be permanently displayed in the Performing Arts Center. The Superintendent noted the exceptional performance of *Proof* by the Timberlane Players. Dr. McDonald advised that he will be in Norway during the week of April vacation for a NEASC visitation and will be attending Brown University in early May for a Northeast Leadership Council meeting.

**Personnel** – Dr. McDonald advised that William Mealey has received his Educational Intern License and recommended his re-nomination.

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

Voted: To re-nomination William Mealey to a teaching position in the Timberlane Regional School District.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Mary Birdsall, SPED – TRMS.

On a Motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Luongo,

Voted: To accept the resignation of Mary Birdsall.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald advised that Susan Fichera, Nurse – TRMS, has requested a 12-week unpaid leave of absence in the spring of 2005 for professional development purposes.

Mrs. Hall requested a Non Public Session at the conclusion of the business meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Curriculum – Mr. Stack reported on the meeting held April 13 where the Committee heard presentations on Physical Education, TRHS Math, World Language, and School Guidance and Counseling. Mrs. Bovi and Mrs. Janelle will be invited to a September Board meeting to review the new Guidance curriculum with the full Board.

Facilities – Will meet on May 3, 9:30 a.m. – SAU Office

Transition – Mrs. Champey and Mrs. Aubrey attended elementary/TRMS Committee meeting this afternoon. May 10 is Parents Night for students moving from Grade 5 to Grade 6. June 8 is Move-Up Day. Next meeting is May 25 when 2004-2005 goals will be discussed. June 2 will be final meeting of the year with the TRHS group.

**Reports of School Board** – Board members reported on their attendance at school, drama and music activities.

**Correspondence** – Reviewed by the Board

**Vendor and Payroll** – Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Aubrey have reviewed bills and approved them for payment.

**Non Public Session**

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

Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 8:45 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3II(c) student and personnel issues.

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

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

Voted: To come out of Non Public Session at 9:40 p.m.

Passed: Unanimously.

No action was taken in Non Public Session

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

Voted: To continue the elementary principals/curriculum coordinators at 11-month, 210 working day contracts.

Passed: Unanimously.

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

Voted: To approve the 12-week unpaid leave of absence in the spring of 2005 for Susan Fichera.

Passed: Unanimously.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick  
Clerk