

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

Regular Meeting
May 20, 2004

SAU No.55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brayall, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Luongo (7:35), Mr. Paone, Mr. Stack, Mrs. Withee, Dr. McDonald.

Absent:

Mrs. Champey, 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 Mr. Brayall, seconded by Mr. Stack,

Voted: To approve the minutes of the May 6, 2004, meeting

Passed: Unanimously.

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council - Becki LaMontagne and Katie Kneeland reported on school and Council activities including staff appreciation week, Big Buddy/Little Buddy Day, announcement of new officers for 2004-2005, annual banquet, Crazy for You presentation, and mock emergency response event held by Plaistow police and fire departments.

Current Business

a. Request to Use Sandown Central School for Elections - Sandown Town Clerk Michelle Short and Selectmen Leslie Britton advised that the number of registered voters has increased substantially and the Town Hall is no longer adequate for voting purposes. They requested use of the Sandown Central School facility for elections to be held on September 14, November 2, and March 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Principal Rolph presented a list of implications to the school, including safety concerns for children, bus arrival time, traffic flow problems, lack of parking space, and interruption of learning time and lunch schedules. A lengthy discussion followed. Dr. McDonald noted that the number of voting booths should be increased or the same delay issues experienced at the town hall would occur at the school. Mr. Luongo requested the number of participating voters for the last three elections.

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

Voted: To defer action on the request until the June 17th Board meeting with a plan before the Board drawn up by the Principal, Selectmen, Town Clerk and police, making sure the concerns of the school are addressed in that plan.

Passed: Unanimously.

Mrs. Champey asked that a Board member be included in those discussions and Mr. Brayall volunteered.

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

Voted: To amend the original motion to include the appointment of Mr. Brayall to the discussion group

Passed: Unanimously.

b. Review Graduating Class, Calendar of Events - Dr. McDonald reviewed all events leading to the graduation ceremony on June 11, rain date June 12. Due to a bomb scare that forced closing school for one-half day, the TRHS must make-up that half day. Seniors will make up the day on Saturday, June 5. Principal Coker recommended that underclassmen make up the day on Monday, June 21. There was consensus of the Board that the students should attend a Saturday make-up day rather than a weekday. Dr. McDonald noted that as students must provide their own transportation, a Saturday may be more convenient for parents.

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

Voted: To schedule the one-half make-up day for Saturday, June 12 at 8:00 a.m.

Passed: Unanimously.

C. Board Goals - Mr. Brayall reviewed Board goals and committee goals submitted by Policy, Curriculum and Assessment, and Facilities. He will be developing a standardized format for all committees. Dr. McDonald recommended that during the 2005-2006 budget process, the Board discuss the option of hiring a consultant to assist in the development of a new strategic plan.

Mr. Stack reported that the main topic of discussion at the May 18 Curriculum and Assessment meeting was kindergarten and the need to take the issue to the State level. Mrs. Champey noted that resolutions to be voted on at the October 16 NHSBA Delegate Assembly need to be submitted by July. Dr. McDonald will work on a draft copy for the next Board meeting and suggested that the issue also be pursued through locally elected state representatives.

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald gave a brief update on legislative activity regarding the State funding formula; the newest plan could increase aid to the four Timberlane communities. Dr. McDonald reported on his recent visit to Norway as a representative of an international NEASC visitation team.

Personnel - Dr. McDonald presented the credentials of Kathleen McKechnie as Preschool Coordinator and SLP Consultant.

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

Voted: To elect Kathleen McKechnie as Preschool Coordinator and SLP Consultant.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald presented the credentials of the following candidates:

Gay Daigle - TRMS, Reading

Keri-Lyn Gaudet - Danville, TLD

Kim Kearney - TRHS, ASD

Beth Runnell s - TRHS, French

Rebecca Salois - TRHS, Spanish

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

Voted: To elect the above candidates to teaching positions in the Timberlane Regional School District.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald re-nominated Elaine Binette as Bridges teacher at the TRMS.

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

Voted: To elect Elaine Binette to a teaching position in the Timberlane Regional School District

Passed: Unanimously.

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

Voted: To accept the resignation of Diane Thompson as OT at Sandown Central.

Passed: Unanimously.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Facilities - Mr. Paone advised that the group met on May 19 to discuss availability of more parking and field expansion. The group will present three stages of development and bring each phase and associated cost to the Board. The Committee has questions on the future strategic plan and what direction the District will be taking.

Curriculum - Met on May 18 and discussed kindergarten, art curriculum, language arts curriculum and developed 2004-2005 goals.

Policy - Will meet before summer vacation, looking for date.

Facilities - August 17 meeting needs to be rescheduled due to conflict with administrative team meetings

Safety - Will meet Friday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m., SAU Office.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on their attendance at Crazy for You musical and commented on the excellent production. Mrs. Aubrey and Mr. Paone attended a NHSBA orientation program. Ms. Hall attended a retirement party for Mrs. Lewis, Food Service Manager at Atkinson Academy. Mrs. Champey represented the District as a panelist on Risk Management Assessment at the Primex conference on May 19. Mrs. Withee thanked the Plaistow Lions Club and Fire Department for helping to restore the original Pollard School sign. Mr. Stack advised that two parents had approached him regarding safety of students getting in and out of the pit at the PAC.

Other Business -Dr. McDonald advised that Fifth Grade celebrations throughout the District will take place on June 14. The TRMS Eighth Grade celebration will be held on June 17.

Correspondence - Reviewed by the Board

Vendor and Payroll - Mrs. Aubrey has reviewed bills and approved them for payment.

Non Public Session

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

Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 9:05 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 311 (c) personnel issues.

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

On a motion by Mr. Paone, seconded by Mr. Brayall,

Voted: To come out of Non Public Session at 9:54 p.m.

Passed: Unanimously.

No action was taken in Non Public Session.

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

Voted: To approve Deborah Lincoln's plan for her sabbatical leave.

Passed: Unanimously.

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

Voted: To set the hourly rate for curriculum work and district projects at \$20.00.

Passed: Unanimously.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, ,

Joan Herrick Clerk