

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

Regular Meeting
June 3, 2004

SAU No. 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

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 Mrs. Aubrey,
Voted: To accept the minutes of the May 20, 2004, meeting.
Passed: Unanimously.

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council Representatives Katie Kneeland and Lauren McKay reported on Council and school activities including wrap up of spring sports, Memorial Day parade, library contest, Council banquet and induction of officers, presentation to 8th graders, summer schedule and fund raising activities.

Current Business

a. Invention Celebration Winners, State Level - Henry Fardella, Pollard Principal, introduced Branden Birmingham, winner of the Environmental Award. Douglas Rolph, Sandown Central Principal, introduced Jessica Boucher, winner of the Original and Unique Award. Middle School students Marissa Bati and Thomas Thibeault introduced themselves. All winners described their inventions and received congratulations from the Board. Other winners not present were Adam DeFranco, Christopher Zanfagna, Jennifer Hicks, Alex & Katherine Pereira, Jesse Stephens and Caleb Sharp. The Board asked that a letter of commendation be sent to the students.

g. Town of Plaistow – Old Home Day Celebration – Barry Sargent asked Board permission to hold a fire works display on school property, behind the PAC, on June 26 at 9:30 p.m. All TRSD use of facilities regulations have been met. A brief question and answer period ensued.

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

Voted: To allow the fireworks display as presented and if the event is held without incident, to allow the Town of Plaistow to work directly with Administration for future celebrations.

Passed: Unanimously.

b. Distance Learning Update – John Holland, Technology Director, updated the Board on the progress of the RUS Grant and the collaboration of Timberlane, SERESC, Stratford and Groveton. Thirteen sites will be equipped with videoconferencing equipment which will allow distance learning capabilities to teachers, students and community members. Most of the equipment has been installed and the vendor will be providing training to Timberlane's technology staff over the summer. Mr. Holland expects to make a District-wide presentation on the new system in late August.

c. Evaluation Plan Revisions – Joean Griffin briefly reviewed the Glossary which would become part of the Plan document which was presented to the Board at the March 4 meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the Evaluation Plan.

Passed: Unanimously.

d. Elementary Report Card Committee – Mrs. Griffin summarized the committee’s activities over the past two years and reviewed modifications to report cards, including a separate card for each grade level. A survey will be going out to parents in the fall. The group will be working over this summer to complete the format and language and some teachers will be piloting the new version during the 2004-05 school year.

e. Tuition Students and Rate of Tuition – Dr. McDonald noted that the majority of tuition students were children of staff members and 5 students from Fremont. The Business Administrator recommended the following tuition rates for 2004-2005:

Elementary - \$8,100 Middle School - \$8,780 High School - \$9,250 Sped. Ed. - \$18,600

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

Voted: To accept the list of tuition students and tuition rates as presented.

Passed: Unanimously

f. School Board Resolutions – In response to the Board’s request for a resolution to pass on to the State Legislature, Dr. Mc Donald presented the following resolution:

The Timberlane Regional School Board recognizes and supports the critical importance of kindergarten and early childhood education and urges the Legislature and Governor to maintain early childhood education as a high priority and to provide funding and continue to take action to ensure that all children have access to public kindergarten.

The Timberlane Regional School Board further urges the State Board of Education to make access to public kindergarten for all children a requirement of Minimum Standards for Public School Approval for all school districts.

Mrs. Hall suggested that either a date that the Superintendent deems appropriate or the phrase “as soon as possible” be inserted at the end of the second paragraph.

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

Voted: To adopt the above resolution with a date to be inserted and forwarded to the State Legislature.

Passed: Unanimously.

f. Board Goals – Mr. Brayall reviewed draft # 2 (attached to original minutes)

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

Voted: To approve 2004-2005 Board goals as presented by Mr. Brayall.

Passed: Unanimously.

g. Town of Plaistow Route 125 Issue – Dr. McDonald advised the due to a coding error on a property map, the Town of Plaistow has started construction on an in-ground water pipe on Route 125 near the entrance to the Wal-Mart plaza, which is School District property. A cease and desist order was issued. Dr. McDonald has met with Town Manager Scruton and the property development manger regarding a solution.

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

Voted: To authorize the Superintendent to continue negotiations with the Town of Plaistow and the property development company to grant the right to put a water pipe on School District property and in return the development company would donate a digital sign on that property for displaying TRSD events.

Passed: Unanimously.

h. PAC Sign Update – Principal Coker said fund raising activities were underway for the purchase of a digital sign for the PAC and hopefully it would be operational in the fall of 2005.

h. Prom Update – Principal Coker thanked parents, community members and businesses for their generous financial support of a second Senior Prom to be held on June 4. Mr. Stack suggested that a list everyone who has contributed to the event be put on TEN

i. Budget Committee Appointment – deferred to Non Public Session

Administrator's Report – Dr. McDonald reviewed Senior Class activities. The Destination Imagination team will report back to the Board at the June 17 meeting.

Personnel Report – Dr. McDonald presented the credentials of Carol Mrowka as SPED Department Chair at the TRMS and Dwight Wilder as Assistant Principal, Evening Division, TRHS.

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

Voted: To elect Carol Mrowka as SPED Department Chair at the TRMS and Dwight Wilder as Assistant Principal, Evening Division, TRHS.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald presented the credentials of Charlene Darling – TRMS SPED, Sara LeGault – TRHS Science, and Cindy Wood – Danville Grade 3.

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

Voted: To elect Charlene Darling, Sara LeGault, and Cindy Wood to teaching positions in the Timberlane Regional School District.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald presented the credentials of Laura McLaughlin as 40% Media Generalist at Sandown North and Erin Murray as 60% Media Generalist at Danville.

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

Voted: To elect Laura McLaughlin and Erin Murray as media generalists in the Timberlane Regional School District.

Passed: Unanimously.

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

Voted: To accept with regret the resignation of Christopher McCallum of Pollard School.

Passed: Unanimously.

Committee Reports

Transition – Mrs. Champey and Mrs. Aubrey attended meeting and discussed goals. Mr. Rolph will attend seconded meeting in September to update Board on activities.

Professional Development – Mrs. Hall attended meeting and summer schedule and workshops were reviewed.

Ad Hoc Facilities – Mr. Paone reported that group will meet June 7.

Safety – Mrs. Champey advised that the District will do an internal security audit. Mrs. Champey, Mr. Stokinger and Mrs. Bovi will put a plan together over the summer and present it to the Committee in the fall.

Reports of the School Board – Linda Meehan of Sandown has been named Volunteer of the Year and will receive an EDIE Award this weekend. Natalie Flanagan of Atkinson was named Citizen of the Year by the Lions Club. Board members reported on their attendance at school, music, and Memorial Day activities.

Correspondence Folder – None

Vendor & Payroll Registers – Reviewed and approved by Mrs. Aubrey.

Non Public Session

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

Voted: To go into Non Public Session at 8:50 p.m. under the provisions of RSA 91:A 311 (c) reputation.

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 Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey,
Voted: To come out of Non Public Session at 9:05 p.m.
Passed: Unanimously.

No action was taken in Non Public Session.

On a motion by Mr. Stack, seconded by Mrs. Withee,
Voted: To appoint Charles Balanoff of Plaistow to the Budget Committee until March 2005.
Passed: Unanimously.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stack,
Voted: To go into a non meeting at 9:10 p.m. to discuss negotiations.
Passed: Unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Luongo, seconded by Mr. Stack
Voted: To come out of the non meeting at 9:36 p.m.
Passed: Unanimously.

The Chair resumed the regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Stack, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey,
Voted: To allow the TRHS to hold a professional fireworks display at the June 4, 2004, Senior Prom.
Passed: Unanimously.

Principal Coker will notify the Plaistow and Atkinson Police and Fire Departments.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brayall, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick
Clerk