

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

Regular Meeting
October 2, 2003

SAU No. 55 Office,
Plaistow, NH

Present: Mr. Brayall, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Luongo (7:50), Mr. Paone, Mrs. Robinson,
Dr. McDonald.

Absent: Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Stack.

Mr. Brayall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Mr. Brayall paid tribute to the late Ann Reardon for her many accomplishments and outstanding contributions to the TRHS.

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the September 18, 2003, meeting.

Passed: 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Mr. Paone)

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council - Chelsea Brennan reported on fall sports, Band Show in October, upcoming drama event, future fund raising activities and Spirit Week October 14-18.

Current Business

a. Report of NHEIAP Scores - Joean Griffin and Keith Pfeifer, Directors of Curriculum and Assessment, reported on 2002-2003 District results compared to statewide figures and also by each elementary school. Mr. Bruno expressed concern for the lower results at Sandown North compared to the three other schools. Mrs. Griffin will investigate and get back to him when more information is available. Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Pfeifer also reviewed the accountability section of the No Child Left Behind act and how all schools will be identified as having or not having met Adequate Yearly Progress. In addition to holding schools accountable for the progress of all their students, all schools' testing data will be broken down by Ethnicity, Educational Disability, Socio-economically Disadvantaged and English Language Proficiently.

b. Support Staff Change in Payroll Procedures - Helen Phinney, representative of the Support Staff Association, expressed concern with the new payroll procedure. Because of a new computer program and software design, hourly-paid people are now being paid for actual hours worked and recorded on a time sheet rather than by 22 equal payments. Due to a two-week wait and high cost of health insurance premiums, some members indicate a financial hardship. Dr. McDonald advised that the payroll program cannot be modified easily; additional staff would be required to the extra work necessary to accommodate their request. The Board asked for a cost estimate for additional staff and the issue will be reviewed at the SAU Board meeting later in October.

c. 2003 NHSBA Delegate Assembly - Mrs. Champey and Mrs. Robinson will represent the Board at the Delegates Assembly on November 15. Resolutions will be an agenda item on October 16. Mrs. Robinson asked for discussion on a possible 2004 resolution re changing from 66 2/3% thirds vote to 60% vote in order to amend the Articles of Agreement.

d. Sandown Portables - Facilities toured the portables on September 30 and all parties agree it would be financially unwise to renovate. Cost of removal is estimated to be \$13,000 to \$15,000. The Board asked that an announcement run on the TEN Network that the portables are available to anyone who wishes to remove them from the site at no cost to the District. If there is no response by mid-December, the portable will be removed during Christmas vacation. Mr. Bruno recommended that before removal, items be reviewed for salvage value.

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

Voted: To authorize removal of the Sandown Portables as originally proposed in the building plan.

Passed: Unanimously.

Mrs. Robinson thanked the Sandown Dad's Group for the beautification project.

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald advised that repair of the TRMS gym floor is scheduled for the end of the month and the Atkinson playground over Columbus Day weekend. Mr. Tardiff reports that the patrol time for the officer three days a week has been changed to 4:00-8:00 and conditions have improved. Dr. McDonald reviewed the NEASC visitation schedule for this weekend. There is a Danville vacancy on the Budget Committee and letters of interest are being accepted until October 6.

Dr. McDonald advised that the District has been awarded a three-year RUS Distance Learning grant in the amount of \$500,000, which will be shared with Groveton, NH. There is a possibility of a \$100,00 foreign language grant if it can be modified to collaborate with the Rus grant.

Personnel - Dr. McDonald nominated Elaine Binette to the TRMS 8th Grade Language Arts position.

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

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

Passed: Unanimously.

Committee Reports

Curriculum	Will meet Tues., October 10 at 7:30 to discuss NHEIAP results.
Safety	Will meet Tues., October 14 at 9:30 a.m., SAU Office.
Budget Comm.	Will meet Thurs., October 9 - As Mr. Bruno and Mr. Brayall will be at area selectmen's meeting, there will be no School Board representative at the meeting.
Facilities	Will meet November 17 at 9:30, SAU Office.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on September 30 Facilities tour. Mrs. Robinson commended the "chefs" at the elementary schools and thanked the principals for their time. The TRMS raised over \$105,000 from the annual magazine drive. Twenty-three German exchange students are participating in a 3-week program at the TRHS. Twenty-six Timberlane students will be going to Germany in June. Mrs. Champey thanked Sue Goodman for her years of service as Danville Budget Committee representative. Facilities will reschedule the Danville tour, as time did not permit on September 30. Mr. Brayall and Mrs. Meehan met with the three Sandown selectmen and gave them on a tour of the two Sandown schools.

Other Business - The following dates were set for Budget Workshops:

Mon., October 27 - 7:00 p.m.

Mon., November 3 - 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence - Reviewed by Board

Vendor and Payroll - Approved by Board

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Luongo, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick
Clerk