

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

Regular Meeting
November 20, 2003

SAU No. 55 Office,
Plaistow, NH

Present: Mr. Brayall, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Luongo (7:44), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stack, Dr. McDonald.

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

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.

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the November 3, 2003, budget workshop.

Passed: 3 in favor, 2 abstentions (Mr. Bruno, Mr. Stack)

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the November 6, 2003, regular meeting.

Passed: Unanimously.

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council - None

Others - Mr. Edward Radulski of Atkinson addressed the Board on educational issues.

Current Business

a. Annual Yearly Progress - Joean Griffin and Keith Pfeifer reviewed Year One AYP results and advised that all Timberlane students and schools met performance standards with the exception of the Educational Disability student group. Dr. Pfeifer noted that the District would focus on ways to make sure the special education students access the curriculum and make progress in the testing environment. A brief discussion was held on the expectations of the No Child Left Behind Act.

b. Budget 2004-2005 - Dr. McDonald reviewed the fourth draft of the proposed budget, major budget factors, staffing requests and cuts, and budget cuts/additions with a bottom line of \$46,914.587, a 7.44% increase. The Superintendent will be making further reductions and will meet with the Budget Committee on November 24. He will bring a default budget to the School Board at the December 4th meeting. A brief discussion was held on staffing requests, special education costs and services, and maintaining current programs but not adding anything new.

c. Facilities Committee Report - The Committee met on November 17th and reviewed items completed over the summer and fall and will prioritize remaining projects. To date no one has expressed interest in taking the modulars and on December 1st a purchase order for \$15,000 will be issued to remove the units over Christmas vacation. Mr. Taylor confirmed that only biodegradable products are dumped into school district drains. All school playgrounds and fields will be posted, the NH Fish & Game Department is providing the signs. Three building projects are not yet closed out: TRHS renovations, PAC and the TRMS. An occupancy permit for the PAC should be issued soon.

d. Report on the NHSBA Delegate Assembly - Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Champey reported on adopted and amended resolutions, workshops, and legislative summary. Mrs. Robinson suggested that Dean Michener be invited to a future meeting to review legislation relating to educational issues. Dr. McDonald will contact local Superintendents to see if there is interest in hosting a forum sometime in January at the PAC.

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald advised that the Performing Arts Center has received the Governor's Award for Art. A presentation ceremony will be held on January 11th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Renay McManus of Danville and Linda Meehan of Sandown have received Volunteer-of-the-Year Awards from the NH Partners in Education.

Personnel - Dr. McDonald advised of two teacher resignations and recommended that the Board accept them.

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

Voted: To accept the resignations of Ronald MacMillan, TRHS Chemistry, and Michael Valinski, Danville
Preschool.

Passed: Unanimously.

Dr. McDonald reported on five maternity leaves of absence and one medical leave.

Committee Reports

Curriculum - Met on November 18th and reviewed TRHS Program of Studies. Two new electives will be added: Practice Teaching and Principals of Engineering Technology. The revised standards for the Bridges program were reviewed and discussion was held on expanding the alternative education program to the TRHS. Mrs. Robinson requested that Mr. Coker and Mr. Woodworth be invited to the December 4th Board meeting to discuss the Opportunities Academy and Lead the Way programs. Mrs. Robinson commented on the success of the Waterford reading program. A Kindergarten for Timberlane kick off meeting will be held December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Transition - Mrs. Champey attended November 12th meeting at which time committee members reviewed ways to improve transfer of records and exchange information in a more consistent manner.

Safety - Met November 18th with Sandy Burrows of Primex and review progress of risk assessment goals. Reporting time of worker compensation claims has improved from 8.7 days to 2.5 days. A training session on back injury prevention will be held for District custodians during February vacation. The Committee will be working on updating the SAU 55 safety manual.

Budget Comm. - Met on November 13th and heard final budget presentations on High School, Technology, Music and Athletics. The Committee will meet again on Monday, November 24th.

Facilities - Will meet Monday, January 26th, 9:30 a.m. - SAU Office.

Mr. Brayall asked that School Board members plan on attending the SAU 55 Public Hearing on Monday, December 1st, as the hearing scheduled for November 17th had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Reports of School Board - Mrs. Robinson attended the memorial service for Ann Reardon. Mrs. Champey reported she and Mrs. Hall had attended several Professional Development activities on November 10th. Mr. Brayall attended a freshman football jamboree. Board members commented on lack of full representation for Atkinson over the past several months and asked Dr. McDonald to contact Mr. Baldwin regarding his plans.

Correspondence - Reviewed by Board

Vendor and Payroll - Approved by Board

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Stack, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herrick
Clerk