

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

Regular Meeting
February 3, 2005

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Mrs. Champey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm;

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of a student from Sandown, Whitney Turner who passed away this past weekend in a tragic accident.

Student Council members, Kelsey Janowicz and Mikayla Randolph, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call was taken

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

Absent: None

Administrators Present: Colleen Bovi, Director of Special Education, Sargent Aurie Roy of the Sandown Police Department, Richard Fugere, Assistant Superintendent, George Stokinger, Business Administrator, Doug Rolph, Principal-Sandown Central, Charles Coker, Principal-TRHS, Peter Taylor, Director of Facilities, Don Woodworth, Assistant Principal-TRHS, Dennis Tardiff, Athletic Director-TRHS

2. Approval of the Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the January 20, 2005 meeting.

Passed: Eight in favor, one abstained (Mrs. Hall)

Delegations and Individuals –Kelsey Janowicz reported on school activities noting a student council winter conference will be held at TRHS for student councils from New Hampshire, which will take place on February 8. The student council is planning a winter carnival that will take place on February 23. Mikayla Randolph reported on February 9 the PAC would host a Comedy Club Night; all funds raised will be donated to Warren Currier, a custodian whose home was lost in a fire. The National Honor Society has begun to sell flowers for their 28th annual Flower Day, which will take place on Valentine's Day. A battle of the bands is scheduled for Wednesday February 23. Historical Honor Society is working on informational videos to be sent to our sister school in Hawaii and the English honor society is planning a book drive. This weekend a Jazz Allstate Festival is being held at the Performing Arts Center.

3. Current Business

a. **Emergency Response Team;**

Colleen Bovi reported a meeting on January 25 in which all four towns (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown as well as the towns that provide mutual aid) were invited. Sargent Aurie Roy of the Sandown Police Department reviewed the importance of mutual aid and the awareness of crisis plans that have been set. Quarterly meetings were discussed including tours, floor plans, etc. Representation from the following towns attended the meeting: Hampstead, Fremont, Chester, Atkinson, Danville and Sandown. No representation was sent from Plaistow. It was noted that a liaison is needed from police and fire departments of all towns in the region. Mrs. Hall noted the Selectman should be notified prior to the meetings and a letter sent noting the request for police and fire representation at these meetings. The Timberlane Regional School District is the largest business in Plaistow, it is important that we have full representation at these meetings. The meetings will be held at different schools each time a quarterly meeting is scheduled. Floor plans of each school need to be updated. Mr. Fugere noted the relationship and support Hampstead has from the fire and police departments, which made a difference in accomplishing the development of a crisis plan.

b. Request from Town of Sandown

Gordon H. Champion, Sandown Town Moderator and Douglas Rolph, Principal for Sandown Central School have met with fire and police to review the process of voting at the Sandown Central School. The current voting location at town hall is a problem due to space restrictions and ADA issues. The wait to vote was on average two to three hours. As a temporary solution the Town of Sandown is requesting the use of the Sandown Central School for the 2006 town election. They have requested when developing the calendar for the 2006 school year that the second Tuesday in March be designate as a professional development day for teachers so no students will be inconvenienced. This will handle the issue of safety for all the children at Sandown Central. The gymnasium would be utilized between 7:30 AM to 9 PM. Another concern would be political signs, which are not allowed on school property. Further information will have to be obtained regarding election activity. It is agreed that this issue will be addressed in the future.

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

Voted to allow the town of Sandown to utilize Sandown Central School for voting purposes for the 2006 town election and change March 14, 2006, Town Election Day to a Professional Staff Development Day.

Passed: Unanimous

c. Warrant Articles

Article #2

Bond Issue

Mrs. Champey recapped article #2 of the 2005-2006 Warrant Article. Pete Taylor noted all schools except Sandown North are listed in Article 2. The HL Turner Company has designed an excellent solution to the air quality issues in our district. With the system designed the air comes in at floor level and exits at ceiling level. It retrieves 100% fresh air, whereas most other systems retrieve only 50% fresh air and it is a system that works year round. Mrs. Hall clarified when the building project was originally proposed that the decision was made when renovations were being designed that ventilation systems established in 1986 or later were not to be part of the project. Facilities committee had looked at all solutions for the TRMS and proposed a less expensive solution. We tried it but it did not accomplish the level of air quality that we need. Mrs. Champey noted that HL Turner has assisted the district with boilers that have manufacturing defects, being repaired at no cost to the district. Passing this article in this year is important due to changes in the states building aid guidelines as outlined by George Stokinger.

Article #3

Operating Budget

George Stokinger reviewed the major points of increase in the proposed budget, salaries and benefits as well as employer retirement contributions rates for teachers and non-teachers. Utilities, transportation contract and resource officer all have increased.

Article #4

Kindergarten

Richard Fugere reviewed the districts needs regarding kindergarten. Article #3 would be utilized if the State mandated kindergarten. This article would become null and void if the State does not mandate kindergarten. Mrs. Champey stated the board believes they have presented the best options for the district.

Article # 5

Capital Reserve Fund

Mrs. Champey summarized if the 2004-2005 School budget has a surplus, (not from additional taxes) that up to \$100,000 to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund.

Article #6

Middle/High School Track

Dennis Tardif and Donald Woodworth discussed the condition of the track, the erosion from the bank on the home side of the field. The renovations include strip and re-building of the track. The track cannot and should not be patched. Currently we cannot hold any home events on the track this year. Mr. Tardif re-capped the long-term plan for maintenance of the track once it has been re-built.

Facilities

Mr. Taylor reported on the energy saving devices that have been installed in 5 classes. The boiler is back online at Sandown North. Mr. Taylor was pleased to note that the electrician for the district has just received his Master's license. On Wednesday, February 9 a Comedy Night will be held at the PAC for Warren Currier, a custodian and his family who lost their home due to a fire. Mrs. Withee inquired if the towns were responsible for plowing the elementary schools. Her concern was the Sandown North, which had an issue on Monday but since has been resolved. Mrs. Withee also inquired and was assured the monies (\$10,000) are still in the budget for the girls' locker room at the TRMS.

4. Administrator Report

Welcome was extended to Mr. Fugere who is standing whereas, Dr. McDonald is in Estonia with the International Schools sharing ideas and thoughts relating to evaluations.

5. Personnel Report –

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

Voted: To accept the resignation of Donna Hanley on April 22, 2005 due to relocation

Passed: Unanimous

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

Voted: With regret and appreciation of service to accept the retirement request effective June 30, 2005 of Diane Jenkins

Passed: Unanimous

6. Committee Reports

Mr. Stack reported the Curriculum committee will meet on Wednesday, February 9 at TRMS and will discuss the History Grant update.

Mr. Paone reported the Budget Committee did not recommend Article #2 but he strongly supports Article # 2.

Mr. Baldwin voiced his support of Article #2.

Mrs. Withee Pollard School Principal search committee identified criteria they would like to see in the candidates. February 14 and 21 the committee is scheduled to interview eight candidates.

Mrs. Champey – Laidlaw has purchased a Nextel phone for parents to contact the bus service for the late bus schedule. The contact numbers are on the TEN network as well as the TRHS and TRMS out going phone messages. Thank you to Laidlaw for providing this solution. Transition Committee discussed the freshman class communication and coordination. A thank you was extended to Leslie Leahy, Barry Chooljian and Gil Johanson.

7. Reports of the School Board –

Mrs. Aubrey extended her appreciation and thanked the Timberlane Family during the tragic events of the last week. She discussed kindergarten and the ventilation project at the PTA meeting. She also attended the SAU meeting for the Assistant Superintendent search, the musical Saturday night and the Italian meal at the Middle School to view the finished counter tops and sink project. Seacoast Hospice will meet at Sandown North on February 8, 2004 from 2PM to 3PM for parents' information and explore questions.

Mrs. Hall extended her condolences to the Turner family and wanted to thank the crisis team in their support of the family and friends of the Turner family. Mrs. Hall also attended the Italian meal at the Middle School.

Mr. Stack extended his condolences to the Turner family and Sandown Central in their loss.

Mr. Paone thanked Mr. Tardif and Mr. Woodworth for their creative way to solve the track problem.

Mrs. Withee attended the Italian luncheon at the Middle School. The Pollard PTA sponsored an art display titled “A Different Kind of Hero” at the Plaistow Public Library. In February the Pollard school will sponsor “I Love To Read and Write” celebration. Last week Pollard School had a fire alarm; the fire department commented how well the staff and the students evacuated the building. Monday evening there is a PTSA meeting scheduled at the Middle School. Parents have expressed to Mrs. Withee their concern regarding school cancellations in adverse weather. She asked for the SAU process to be reviewed. Also Mrs. Withee received a complaint from a parent concerning bus student’s late arrivals at school, if they are marked as late arrivals.

Mr. Fugere reviewed the adverse weather decision process; Dr. McDonald makes the final decision but consults with Laidlaw in the Timberlane Regional School District as well as the Derry District. Mr. Taylor reports on the conditions of the schools to accept students.

Mr. Fugere addressed the complaint regarding late buses; students are not marked as late.

Mrs. Champey attended parent information night for incoming freshman, course selections, what students need to do if they want to participate in the pre-college program was discussed. If any parents were not able to attend they should contact the guidance office for information. Mrs. Champey also attended the “Honk” matinee and the Italian luncheon at the Middle School. She also toured Danville Elementary School, they have a wonderful set up for the Waterford reading program. She also extended her appreciation and thanked the Laidlaw Transportation Company for providing buses for the funeral of Whitney Turner. A note should be sent in appreciation to Laidlaw and Colleen Bovi and her staff.

Correspondence Folder - Reviewed

8. **Vendor and Payroll Registers** - Reviewed

9. **Other Business** –

a. Non-public, if necessary

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

Voted: To go into a non-public session at 9:40 pm under provisions 91-A:-II (a) employee

Passed: Unanimous

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

Voted: To come out of Non-Public session at 10:55 pm

Passed: Unanimously

Action taken during non-public session:

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

Voted: To pay a staff member \$1,800.00 she requested for course reimbursement.

Did Not Pass: 2 in favor, 6 against, 1 abstention

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

Voted: The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 PM

Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy

Recording Secretary