

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

Regular Meeting
May 5, 2005

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Mr. Brayall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll call was taken

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin (7:33 pm), Mr. Brayall, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Luongo,
Mrs. Miller (8:20 pm), Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee

Absent: Mr. Stack,

Administrators Present:

Richard Fugere, Assistant Superintendent John Holland, Technology Director
George Stokinger, Business Administrator Charles Coker, Principal at TRHS
Anthony DiBartolomeo, Music Director

Mr. Brayall (Chair) led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the April 21, 2005 regular meeting with changes/additions as noted

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- Mrs. Champey, Dr. McDonald was named **Music** Administrator of the Year
- Mrs. Champey, Founder's Day change is scheduled to **was celebrated**
- Mrs. Aubrey, Sandown North change fourth graders to **students**

Passed: 5 in favor, two abstained (Mrs. Withee and Mr. Baldwin)

Delegations and/or Individuals- James Garrity, (Representative) an Atkinson resident inquired about the activity at the Middle School fields off Linebrook Road. Mr. Fugere explained that this is one option being evaluated for possible additional parking. It is only one of many different options being considered.

Current Business

TRHS Band Trip to Florida- The Timberlane Music Department spent a great week in Florida. The 289 students competed in the Musicfest Orlando Music Festival and performed very well. The Concert Choir placed 2nd, Jazz Choir placed 1st, The Full Orchestra and String Orchestra placed 1st. The Jazz Ensemble I placed 1st, Wind Ensemble placed 3rd and Symphonic Band placed 1st. The School Board congratulated all students and performing ensembles for a great week. In addition to the music competition, the Marching Band performed in the Magic Kingdom's 3:00 pm Parade, the Orchestra performed on the Tomorrowland Stage in the Magic Kingdom and the Chorus performed on the Magic Kingdom's Astro Stage. Mr. DiBartolomeo expressed his appreciation for the School Board support and the students' accomplishments.

Parking issue was again discussed; Mr. Paone asked the Board and members of the audience to voice their opinions regarding the parking situation since he is Chair for the Community

Relations and Liaison committee. Mr. Garrity (Representative) of Atkinson again spoke regarding the fields located by the Middle School off Line Brook Road. Mr. Garrity contacted Mr. Taylor regarding the activity in the fields and was informed we were looking at the location as an option to improve the parking situation. He then contacted the Atkinson Police who had no knowledge of the reason we were looking at the fields and leveling out the washout from the winter months. Mr. Baldwin stated that the Road Agent, Selectman, Police and Town Officials were not informed that the SAU was looking at the field as an option for additional parking. He also noted none of the abutters were notified and his concern was safety, traffic and notifications of all persons connected with Line Brook Road. Mr. Stokinger explained during April vacation he and Mr. Taylor went to the field to view the options available to the district. They observed that a tree blocked the access to the fields, and washout had occurred as well as a large amount of gravel. They contacted Busby Construction to correct the situation. The fields and possible access were observed only as an option (among many) to accommodate additional parking as previously discussed regarding the Cottonwood Road parking ban and the safety of the students as well. The next step in the process would be to inform the Facilities Committee of their findings whereas the committee can direct the next steps in the process. He clearly stated no plans are set at this time. The proper channels and procedures have to be followed before any decisions are made.

Distance Learning Status Report-John Holland, Technology Director, reported on the Distance Learning achievements of the last year. These achievements included in and out of district communication projects, book reports, conferencing sessions, video conferences, virtual field trips, and virtual college visits. Mr. Holland showed two videos, one of SERESC conference utilizing the video conferencing and another on the video conferencing with Hawaii. The School Board commended Mr. Holland on his achievements in the past year on the Distance Learning Program.

Coalition for Adequate Education Funding Issues –Mr. Brayall asked the members of the School Board to fill out the membership questionnaire enclosed in their packages regarding adequate education funding. The questionnaire should be submitted to Dr. McDonald, he will forward to the CAEF Steering Committee.

State Adequacy Aid Londonderry School Board will host a meeting with State Representatives on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at Londonderry High School regarding HB 616. The School Board is invited to attend along with another nine SAU's. The bill reduces the state adequacy funding to the SAU 55 communities by over 4.1 million dollars from the current law. This is a severe impact on our local taxpayers and all concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

Committee Assignments – Mr. Brayall will Chair the Facilities Committee, Mr. Paone will assume Mr. Baldwin's position on that committee. Curriculum and Assessment Committee will not have Mr. Paone as a member but he will Chair the Community Relations and Liaison Committee. Mrs. Withee will Chair the Energy Committee with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hughes as members.

2005-06 Board Goals- Mr. Brayall reviewed the School Board goals proposed for 2005-06. Mrs. Champey proposed quarterly training sessions regarding special topics; an example would be distance learning. Also proposed, would be combining with THE Hampstead School Board on certain matters to be determined. A discussion ensued.

Administrator Report –Mr. Fugere informed the public of a situation that developed today regarding a dangerous person believed to be in the Atkinson area. The SAU received little communication from the police. As a precaution Mr. Fugere ordered an external lockdown for the safety of the students and personnel.

No communication was received from the Police in Plaistow or Atkinson, which created difficulties especially at dismissal. The SAU worked with the bus company, when the Derry School Superintendent informed us that two bus routes in Hampstead were not accessible. Students for these routes were retained at school until a parent could pick them up. The principals and staff performed well in this situation. Mr. Baldwin informed the public that the manhunt was still in effect at this time and he also noted the buses performed well along their routes.

In another incident a report was received that a knife was being waved from a car. The students on the bus reported the incident, the SRO worked with the information obtained from the students and located the student in question. Alcohol and a knife was located in the student's car, the student was suspended immediately.

Dr. McDonald had discussed during budget time the New Hampshire retirement policy eligibility change from 35 hours to 30 hours. From these discussions the monies were budgeted for 2005-06.

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

Voted: To include employees working at least 30 hours per week in the New Hampshire Retirement System.

Passed: Unanimous

Personnel Report –Mr. Fugere recommended the following nominations for the 2005-2006 school year.

Rudy Morosoff	TRHS	Math
Tricia Lepine	TRHS	Social Studies

Mr. Morosoff is close to receiving his Masters and is an outstanding candidate. Tricia is a recent graduate and we are excited to have the opportunity to hire her.

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

Voted: To approve the nominations as presented.

Passed: Unanimous

Committee Reports – Mrs. Champey attended the Transition Committee meeting at the TRHS; they finalized the transition for the 9th grade to High School she also noted the next Safety Committee meeting will be held on May 31, 2005 at 8:30 am at the PAC, it will be a full meeting for the Emergency Response team and the Safety Committee meeting will be held after the Emergency Response Team meeting is complete.

Mrs. Aubrey noted the next Elementary Transition meeting will be held on May 18th and the Curriculum Meeting will be held at the Village Square on May 18, 2005 at 6 pm.

Reports of the School Board – Mrs. Miller attended the new School Board member workshop offered by the NHSBA.

Mrs. Aubrey informed the public of the cancellation of the Sandown North PTA meeting this evening, a fundraiser will be held for the Designation Imagination team with Freshwater Farms. An Arts Fair is scheduled for Sandown Central on May 19, 2005 at 7 pm. Sandown North

volunteer celebration tea will be held on May 16, 2005. Junior Achievement is coming to Sandown Central.

Mrs. Withee attended a Fashion Show at the Middle School for the 6th and 7th grade students; she extended her appreciation to Wal-Mart for donating the clothes for the students who modeled. Mrs. Withee is doing Junior Achievement at Pollard in Mrs. Herdt's 4th Grade class. Mrs. Withee also attended the "Interplanetary Jammin" production at the PAC and commended the students and Mrs. Sherman for a wonderful job. The 3rd grade classes at Pollard had an Artist in Residence-Two Fiddlers they learned how to square danced and it ended with a family dance. Mrs. Richard's class did an earth day project of cleaning up around the school. The Pollard PTA will meet the new principal, Mrs. Auger on May 18, 2005.

Mrs. Champey thanked Mr. Coker for the portfolio each School Board member received she also thanked Lois Marchand of the Eagle Tribune newspaper for her coverage of the fashion show at the TRMS. Mrs. Champey noted that Wal-Mart praised the students that participated in the fashion show. Monday, May 9th at 11:30 am a luncheon will be held at Danville in appreciation for the Teachers. Dr. McDonald and Mrs. Champey will give a workshop on new members of the School Board orientation in Concord, NH on Tuesday, May 10 and on Wednesday, May 11 the 8th graders will hold Job Shadowing Day at the TRMS.

Correspondence Folder – None

Vendor and Payroll Registers – Reviewed

Other Business – Mrs. Withee wanted to discuss the dress code at the High School, Mr. Charles Coke was available to answer questions regarding this matter. Mrs. Withee inquired about the rules relating to wearing hats at the TRHS. Mr. Coker explained hats are acceptable to wear in school according to the dress code. Mrs. Withee inquired if the student council should be included in the design of the dress code. Mr. Coker explained the students surveyed in mid-April did not believe the dress code to be a major issue but the students have been part of the decision making process regarding the dress code. Mrs. Withee inquired "if we are developing these young people for the future and are we accomplishing this?"

Mr. Fugere explained that on April 8th the school had a lock down and K-9 officers were available if needed for the search. The K-9 units were used in the parking lots. Mr. Fugere explained how the dogs reacted when a positive finding was discovered on a vehicle. Some claims were received stating that the vehicles were damages from the K-9 units. After the search a few students did approach Mr. Coker with complaints; Primex explained that we are not responsible. Mr. Fugere noted the estimates received were for repair of the entire vehicles. Mrs. Champey explained her view that there are excessive areas to be repaired. Mr. Coker noted that Mr. Leary and Mr. Kiley observed that the dogs were on a leash at all times and did not observe any activity that would warrant scratches over the entire vehicle. Mr. Stokinger noted the insurance company has reported that the district has no liability in this matter.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin seconded by Mrs. Aubrey

Voted: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy

School Board Clerk