

Timberlane Regional School Board
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
May 19, 2005

Regular Meeting
7:30 p.m.

SAU Office
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mrs. Champey, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken

Present: Mrs. Aubrey (7:38), Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Luongo, Mrs. Miller,
Mr. Paone, Mr. Stack, and Mrs. Withee

Absent: Mr. Brayall

Administrators Present:

Douglas McDonald, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Coker, TRHS Principal

Amanda Fuller and Andrea Resende, Student Council Members, lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Withee and seconded by Mr. Luongo

Voted: To approve the minutes of May 5, 2005 with the changes in Mrs. Withee's report of school board as she has rewritten for the minutes and to add (at the high school) in the first sentence of "Other Business"

Passed: 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Mr. Stack)

Student Council Presentation

Amanda Fuller and Andrea Resende discussed past activities that have gone well at the high school; Honors Recognition, Faculty/Student Softball game, and the musical Damn Yankees. The Senior Prom is this Friday at the Atkinson Country Club and the Student Council is sponsoring a raffle for Red Sox tickets all next week. Kristen Paulet was elected as next year's president of the Student Council and the 13 new members will be inducted on Wednesday. The students distributed a gift of chocolates to the board as part of Teacher Appreciation week.

Current Business

Robotics Team – The presentation was postponed due to an illness

SRO End of School Year Report – Office Joan Marsilia discussed the closing of another successful year with the Resource Officer Program. Next year she is looking to educate parents to help ease their fears when Officer Marsilia speaks with his/her child. Office Marsilia has visited several classrooms to discuss the law and safety. Mr. Baldwin commended Office Marsilia for a job well done and expressed his pride in having such a program in the district and the fact that a Resource Officer's job is not an easy one.

Mr. Coker has had experience with the Resource Officer Program for 17 years and feels it is an excellent opportunity to see a police officer in a different light. He would like to see the program in other schools in the district. Officer Marsilia estimated she has interaction with 30-50 students on a daily basis. Dr. McDonald stated there is a lot of interaction with students in a positive way with advice to help students to make better choices.

Goals

The Timberlane Regional School Board's goals, as discussed at the last meeting, were not distributed to members. Dr. McDonald read each goal and made a few comments. He will work on cleaning up the goals and have them available for the next meeting for finalization. He suggested that it is time to revise the strategic planning committee and should be considered a School Board Goal. He will put the strategic plan on the next meeting agenda.

School Board Committees

No changes made to committee assignments.

Coalition Report

Jack Paone and Dr. McDonald attended the Coalition meeting on May 10, 2005 where 25 districts were present and several state representatives. Dr. McDonald stated the southern tier, which is 29% of the states students were all losing money with the new formula proposed by the new house bill. These proposed changes were made after budgets were set. For Timberlane School district this could mean of a million dollars not received from the state. He expressed his concern that there should be a set amount of money given to each district to help the tax burden. Dr. McDonald feels that the state does not have a clue as to how they will solve many of the problems and feels that the state is not too interested in the needs of the southern tier of the state. A formula that does not change every year is needed in order to better plan our budgets. Dr. McDonald will keep the Board posted. A discussion ensued regarding the benefit of becoming a coalition and a suggestion was made to invite Norman Major and other State officials to the next board meeting for their input and expertise. This will put on the next agenda.

Delegations and Individuals

Mr. Casey – Atkinson, pointed out an article in the paper regarding detention at the middle school to be held on Friday's with no late bus availability. He expressed his concern that students would at school without a ride home, especially during the winter months. Dr. McDonald stated the possibility had not even come to him yet and would need the school board to approval before implementing.

Administrators report

The student who was hit with the baseball has been released from the hospital. The Music Department and Eric Constantineau are to be commended for the musical Damn Yankees. He also mentioned the double casts Eric does which allows more students to showcase their talents. The nine retirees are invited to attend the next meeting to be recognized. A reception for Mr. Fugere, Assistant Superintendent, who is also retiring, will be held at the SAU on June 17 from 3-5 p.m.

June 10 is Henry Fardella's reception at Pollard School. The High School Graduation is June 10 with the hope that it does not rain. Dr. McDonald is attending a graduation at the Verizon Center, which will give him an opportunity to look at the possibility of graduating at a similar facility. Eighth grade celebrations are on the June 17th. The last day of school is June 20th. Dismissal is 11 a.m. for the high and middle school and 12 noon for the elementary.

Personal Report

On a motion by Mr. Stack and seconded by Mr. Paone;

Voted: To nominate Mark Cerniglia, TRHS, Math and Helen Friedman, TRHS, Chemistry

Passed: Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey and seconded by Mrs. Withee
Voted: To except the resignation of Diane Connors, TRMS
Passed: Unanimously

Dr. McDonald stated we are doing quite well filling our positions for next year. He reported Mrs. McSweeney has accepted a Curriculum Coordinators position at Pollard so a new Assistant Principal will be needed.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Miller attended both the Community Relations Committee and Liaison Committee. She suggested we needed to be working with the towns for better communication. She asked Dr. McDonald to help with the liaison committee and get out into the community more. Mrs. Champey suggested the Timberlane web site could be used for more detailed information.

Mrs. Aubrey stated the Transition meeting was cancelled and she was unable to attend the Curriculum meeting.

Mr. Stack attended the Curriculum Committee, which is working on standard based Math curriculum.

Mrs. Champey stated the Safety Committee will by meeting May 31, 2005, 8:30 a.m. at the PAC beginning with the Emergency Response Committee and the regular meeting will be begin at 10:00 a.m. She thanked Brian Stack for the great work and personal knowledge he has brought to the Curriculum Committee.

Mrs. Withee attended the last PTSA meeting for this year. She thanked them for the wonderful job they did all year especially for the beautification of the teacher's room. She attended the musical and is very proud of the talented students and staff who worked on the production. The Pollard 4th grade students launched the rockets that they have been working on for the past six weeks. Mrs. Withee attended the New School Board Orientation. Gil Johanson attended the Pollard PTA meeting and spoke about the transition to the middle school. Michelle Auger, Assistant Principal, was introduced and Henry Fardella was honored with a display case in his name. The Pollard PTA should be thanked for all that they do. The Arts and Academic for the fourth and fifth graders will be held on Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Baldwin, was looking for a consensus for approval regarding a field behind the Atkinson Academy. Parking has become an issue on Birch Lane. The Atkinson road agent has suggested that the back side of the field, owned by the school, be cleared out by volunteers to provide a dirt parking lot. This would keep cars off the street and property of homes near by. The issue will be on the next agenda for action. It was suggested that a written proposal be sent to Dr. McDonald prior to the meeting.

Mr. Stack attending Damn Yankees and congratulated the performers and director.

Mrs. Aubrey also attended Damn Yankees and the New Board Member Orientation meeting. Sandown North activities are: The 4-8 grade strings concern at the PAC next Wednesday. The Art Fair is next Wednesday as well. The Third Grade Celebration is next Friday from 9. – 1
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Dr. McDonald is looking at improving the use of ONE district calendar and Dr. McDonald will make sure the school calendar be sent home after a request was made

Mrs. Miller attended the New School Board Member Orientation.

Mrs. Champey attended the Teacher appreciation luncheon at Danville. She was a presenter at the New Board member orientation. She discussed Job shadow day at the middle school and discussed the success of job shadowing at NECN. She also attended a SERESC meeting today, pointed out the progress report, and suggested everyone take a look at the report. SERESC is made up of 8 SAU's the dues for the past 18 year has been \$3.60 per student. This has been an inexpensive resource for the district. One benefit from dues is used for National Consultants that would be out of reach for any one district and also has software available at a lower price because they can purchase in bulk. A field trip to the facilities would be very beneficial for the board to fully understand how beneficial SERESC is.

Correspondence – Reviewed

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Reviewed

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

Voted: To enter into a non-public session – student records 91A:33.2F

Passed: Unanimously

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Luongo, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Paone,
Mr. Stack, and Mrs. Withee

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey and seconded by Mrs. Miller came out of non public session

Voted: To come out of non-public session

Passed: Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Paone and seconded by Mr. Stack

Voted: To recommend the board waive the health and wellness credit for graduation.

Passed: Unanimously

Mrs. Champey expressed her concern that important issues happen without notifying the board.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mrs. Aubrey the board adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Acting Clerk