

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

Regular Meeting
December 16, 2004

SAU No. 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Absent: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Paone

Administrators: Charles Coker Principal at TRHS
George Stokinger, Business Administrator

Mrs. Champey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, roll call was taken. Student Council members, Brittany Tonas and Kristen Fournier led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the December 2, 2004, meeting with the following changes:

Page 1 Moment of silence; remove "former student" insert "graduate"

Page 1 Current Business: add "d" to ensue

Page 2 Motion by Mrs. Hall line 2 insert "state education" before minimum standards

Page 2 Motion by Mrs. Hall line 3 strike "state mandated" put in "public"

Page 3 Reports of the School Board, Mrs. Withee, change "Attended" to "Reported"

Page 3 Motion by Mr. Paone to read: To approve the request of the Smither's family for a plaque to be placed on the wall of the Middle school once the plaque is approved by the Superintendent.

Passed: Unanimous

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council –Brittany Tonas reported on student council activities that include selling angels for the "Make A Wish Foundation. The angels will be on sale until December 22, 2004. Kristen Fournier reported on school activities including the current athletic teams, honor society, Mealey Meals and the SOS program. Also noted senior class dues will increase from \$55.00 to \$65.00 on 1-1-05.

Current Business

- **Incident at the High School**– Dr. McDonald informed the public of an incident today at the High School where a young man brought a loaded gun to school. The student was isolated and the gun was retrieved from the student compliantly. Dr. McDonald reviewed the press release and letter that was sent home with students for parents and guardians regarding this incident.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday December 21, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Performing Arts Center for all concerned students, parents, guardians and community members.

Dr. McDonald praised the student(s) that came forward when they suspected a weapon was at their school. Dr. McDonald wanted to thank Charles Coker, Sean Kiley, Assistant Principal at the High School and Joan Marsilia, Student Resource Officer (SRO) from the

Plaistow Police Department as well as the Plaistow Police Department in the way they handled this situation.

The student has been suspended and will have a hearing before the School Board in January 2005. The Plaistow Police Department is continuing their investigation.

Mrs. Hall thanked Dr. McDonald and his staff for the way they handled and communicated this difficult situation.

- **Proposed 2005-2006 Budget** - Dr. McDonald reported the 2005-2006 Budget started at \$51,590,386, now at draft #6 is at \$49,994,961, which is 6.96% above 2004-2005 Budget. Major increase factors are salaries, benefits, increased enrollment and utility costs. A discussion ensued.
- **Proposed 2005-2006 Warrant Articles** - Dr. McDonald reported on the proposed 2005-2006 Warrant Articles that will be voted on March 8, 2004. Each of the seven articles on the proposed warrant was reviewed.
- **Facilities** – Dr. McDonald reported that Unitil has issued a grant for \$16,000 to help with the cost of installing sensor switches to turn out lights when no one is in the room. We have an electrician to install the switches, which will keep costs at a minimum. Dr. McDonald clarified that building projects are all closed except the PAC. Mrs. Aubrey noted that the counter tops at the Middle School have been ordered. Dr. McDonald recognized Jim Hughes and Michael Reed for their work as a team in the transformer project and requested a letter be sent to each of them noting their efforts.
- **Change TRSB meeting dates for February 17 and March 3** – Meeting dates of February 17 and March 3 should be combined and rescheduled to February 24 due to scheduling conflicts.

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

Voted: To change and combine school board meetings scheduled on February 17 and March 3 to February 24, 2005.

Passed: Unanimous

Administrator's Report - Dr. McDonald reminded the public that January 1, 2005 the lunch prices will increase. Sue Fichera had received a grant from the cancer society. She is one in fifty in the New England states in this leadership program. It was requested that a letter to be sent to Mrs. Fichera highlighting her efforts, commitment and accomplishments.

Personnel Report – To be done during the non-public session

Committee Report -

- Mr. Stack reported the next scheduled curriculum committee meeting on January 12, 2005.
- Mrs. Aubrey reported the elementary transition committee has rescheduled the 5th grade visits to the Middle school from December to January 2005. It was also noted that there are 47 feeding kindergartens that are transferring into the first grade.
- Mrs. Hall reported on Mrs. Fichera's commitment and efforts in the leadership program as well as upcoming courses to be offered regarding professional development

- Mrs. Champey attended a high school transition meeting as well as a safety meeting, which was attended by Primex. The action plan was discussed the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2005.

Reports of the School Board –

- Mrs. Aubrey congratulated the Sandown Elementary School on their Holiday concert, the PTA auction was a success and she attended the Sandown Central gingerbread decorating by the fifth grade.
- Mr. Luongo attended the PAC Winter Coral Concert.
- Mrs. Hall attended the Christmas Tea at the PAC and the Senior Tea at the Middle School.
- Mr. Brayall wished everyone a Safe and Happy Holidays Season.
- Mr. Stack thanked the students and teachers that provided the art work at the SAU.
- Mrs. Withee attended the Senior Tea at the Middle school as well as the Holiday concert. Mrs. Richard's class raised \$1200 at her yard sale, which will be donated to the Plaistow Lyons and Kids Helping Kids.
- Mrs. Champey attended the Senior Tea and the Coral Orchestra Concert at the PAC and wanted to extend her condolences to Mr. Paone regarding the lost of his mother.

Correspondence – Reviewed by Board

Vendor and Payroll – Approved by Board

Other Business –

Non-Public Session

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

Voted: To go into Non-Public Session at 8:45 pm under provisions of 91-A: 3.II (a and c)

Passed: Unanimous

On a motion by Mr. Stack, seconded by Mrs. Withee

Voted: To come out of Non-Public session at 9:00PM

Passed: Unanimously

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

Voted: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Passed Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
Recording Secretary