

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

Regular Meeting
January 3, 2008
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Mr. Baldwin (Chair) called the School Board meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

Roll call was taken.

Mr. Mascola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee and Ms. Weston

Absent: None

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle	Superintendent
Charles Coker	Director of Secondary Education
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Scott Strainge	School Improvement Facilitator (Humanities) - TRHS

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Paone, second by Mrs. Kosta

- Voted: To approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007 regular and non-public meetings.
- Passed: Unanimous

Delegations and individuals

School Report

Ms. Weston reported mid-year exams are scheduled for the end of this semester. All the profits from the Student-Teacher Basketball/Volleyball game were donated to Mealey's Meals to help build holidays baskets for families in the community. Mealey's Meal's also collected change and sold raffle tickets to raise funds.

The boy's varsity basketball team will take on Manchester Memorial on Friday, while the girl's basketball will take on Memorial. The Timberlane Players held auditions for their next show, "Inherit the Wind".

Student Council Report

Kevin Zambrano informed the board that the student council has been busy planning fundraisers and organizing events. The next scheduled fundraiser will be "Tagging" on January 11th from 2:45 to 6:45 pm at Shaw's, Food Plus, Signal Variety and Petro King in Plaistow. The profits will go to help fund the LEAD conference trip and boost senior scholarships. Additionally the student council held its annual ice cream social and raised \$800 for the scholarships. The "Kid's Night Out" held on December 15th was a success. "Kids Day In" scheduled for January 8th has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled sometime in February.

Mr. Baldwin thanked Ms. Weston and Mr. Zambrano for their reports and invited Mr. Zambrano to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Current Business

Model United Nations Team Trip

TRHS students Jeanna Diorio, Chris Guzman, Moira Dhaliwal and Evan Dube informed the board of an invitation to the prestigious National High School Model United Nations 34th annual conference scheduled March 12 to the 15th. The

conference will be held in New York City and will require the students attending to miss three days of school. Eight students are expected to attend with 2 chaperones accompanying the students.

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mascola

- **Voted:** To allow the students to attend the National High School Model United Nations Conference in New York City on March 12 to 15, 2008.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

High School History Courses

Scott Strainge, TRHS School Improvement Facilitator (Humanities) presented five history courses to be incorporated into the 2008-09 curriculum. The courses would consist of *Government Today*, *Economics*, *World History*, *United States History* and *Sociology*. He noted that students will benefit from a curriculum that allows for an instructional approach that is interdisciplinary and inquiry-based. By connecting the students' learning to personal experiences, the students will have an understanding of the multi-cultural world.

On a motion by Mrs. Champey, seconded by Mr. Brown

- **Voted:** To approve the history curriculum as presented.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Policies

Mr. Coker informed the board that three changes were made to policy "IKF" (High School Graduation). They included the total credit count on page 4 was changed to twenty-three, Arts Education - Art, Music or Drama credits were changed to one and World Language credit was changed from two to three. He also presented surrounding district's graduation requirements for the board's review.

On a motion by Mr. Paone, seconded by Mr. Mascola

- **Voted:** To waive the second reading for the following ten policies with changes to IKF as noted above.
 - IKF High School Graduation
 - IMBC Alternative Credit Options
 - IHBH Extended Learning Opportunities
 - IMBA Online/Virtual Education
 - ILBA Assessments
 - ILBAA High School competency Assessments
 - JLDBA Behavior Management and Intervention
 - JFABD Admission of Homeless Students
 - JICD Student Conduct, Discipline & Due Process
 - AE Accountability
- **Passed:** Unanimous

On a motion by Mrs. Champey, seconded by Mr. Mascola

- **Voted:** To approve the following ten policies as written.
 - IFK High School Graduation
 - IMBC Alternative Credit Options
 - IHBH Extended Learning Opportunities
 - IMBA Online/Virtual Education
 - ILBA Assessments
 - ILBAA High School competency Assessments
 - JLDBA Behavior Management and Intervention
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- **Passed:** Unanimous

Budget/Warrant Articles

Mr. La Salle reported that at the request of the board, phase two of the TRHS renovation project was removed from the warrant (article 4) and option two for the renovations for the ASD room at the TRMS was outlined in article 5. He also recommended that after careful consideration, article 6, the SRO position, be removed from the warrant. He indicated that there is not adequate time to properly research and present this article to the public. He suggested a subcommittee be formed to review the issue. Planning stages as well as grant research should be considered. He recommended inviting Plaistow's Chief of Police and Town Manager as well as TRSB and budget committee members to be part of this subcommittee.

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

- **Voted:** To approve the removal of article 6-School Resource Officer from the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To accept the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant as presented.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Administrator's Report- None

Personnel Reports -

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the following retirements with regret.

- Linda Braffitt - Danville Elementary School Second Grade Teacher, 34 years with the district
- Kate Zehnter - TRHS Art Teacher, 21 years with the district

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

- **Voted:** To accept with great regret and appreciation the retirement requests of
 - Linda Braffitt - Danville Elementary School Second Grade Teacher, 34 years with the district
 - Kate Zehnter - TRHS Art Teacher, 21 years with the district
- **Passed:** Unanimous
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Mr. La Salle reported to the board that they restructured the teacher recruiting process by arranging a job fair and obtaining applicant tracking software. The software will allow them to share the pool of applications with the Hampstead School District, organize the resume and documents, and response to each applicant in a timely manner. The process would be cost effective and would offer greater management controls.

Committee Reports

Mr. Mascola expressed his continued support of the budget committee. Mrs. Withee reported the next facilities committee meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 8:30 AM at the SAU building. Mr. Paone reported the next policy committee meeting will be held on January 10 at 4:30 PM at the SAU building.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on their activities around the district.

Correspondence Folder -

The Town of Sandown has extended an invitation to the TRBS requesting a member join the committee participant for the development of the Town of Sandown's Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Mr. Brown volunteered to research the committee schedule and report back to the board at the next TRSB meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Baldwin reminded the public that the Public Hearing is scheduled for January 15, 2007 at 7PM at the PAC.

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other -

Mr. Stokinger asked the board to approve a check to be issued to the post office for \$1,500 for the evening division mailing that missed the current check run.

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

- **Voted:** To approve a \$1,500 payment to the post office for an evening division mailing.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

As a reminder to the public, there will be no school on Tuesday, January 8th, but there will be school all day on Thursday, January 10th, 2008.

Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk