

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

Regular Meeting
January 4, 2007

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Roll call was taken

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

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Administrators Present

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| Dr. McDonald | Superintendent |
| Richard LaSalle | Assistant Superintendent |
| Charles Coker | Director of Secondary Education |
| Donald Woodworth | TRHS Principal |
| Nancy Hart | Danville Elementary School Principal |
| Barbara Hopkins | TRHS School Improvement Facilitator |
| John Leary | TRHS Assistant Principal |

Others Present

Anne Day, Lois Paul, Charlene Antonakas, Richard Brayall and Brian Stack

Mr. Richard Brayall and Mr. Brian Stack led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of December 2, 2006 non-public meeting as written
- **Passed:** Eight in Favor
 - One member abstained:
 - Mr. Paone

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of December 21, 2006 regular meeting as written
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Delegations and Individuals

Emily Weston reported on the school activities after winter vacation highlighting the wrestling team's win on January 3rd. The girl's basketball team will face off with Manchester Memorial at home on January 5th, while the boys team will play at Manchester Memorial. The cast for "The Crucible" has been chosen, and will open in March. Auditions for the spring musical "The Carousel" will be begin shortly and the National Honor Society will host a talent show scheduled for the end of January - all interested students should sign up for the show.

Ms. Weston also reported that Student Council members are preparing for an upcoming Winter Conference for Region 6 schools at Somersworth High School. They will be planning the Region 6 Spring Conference as well as other conferences. Council members are currently working on the Computer Dating program that is scheduled for early February.

Current Business

Recognition of former members service

The Board recognized former TRSB members, Mr. Richard Brayall (Sandown) and Mr. Brian Stack, (Plaistow) in appreciation for their service to both their communities and the Timberlane Regional School District. Each board member expressed their appreciation.

A lamp was presented to Mr. Stack from the District for his unselfish dedication from 2001 to 2006. A chair was presented to Mr. Brayall in appreciation for the ten years (1996 to 2006) that he chose to serve the District. Each was thanked for their dedication, leadership, and guidance by representatives of the students, staff and administration of the District. Mr. Brayall and Mr. Stack expressed their appreciation. The meeting then recessed to 8:05 PM (Cake Break).

New Hampshire Partners Advancing Science Learning (Science Grant)

TRHS School Improvement Facilitator Barbara Hopkins reported that Exeter, Sanborn and Raymond school districts worked collectively with the Timberlane School District in applying for a \$74,941 grant, which was awarded on December 14, 2006. The individual districts will continue curriculum work identifying key issues, challenges and needs, which will form the "Regional Science Summit Design." Regional Science Summit, a two-day conference, will be held in the summer of 2007, and will include the four districts. In the 2007-2008 school year these regional districts will implement cross-district learning and will continue to develop, sustain and strengthen their Science programs.

Mr. Woodworth took a moment to recognize Mrs. Hopkins, stating she is a very talented individual who is appreciated at the TRHS for all her hard work and her accomplishments.

Credit Recovery Project

Mrs. Hopkins then reported on the Credit Recovery Program (CR). The purpose of the Credit Recovery (CR) Program is to provide students who are receiving a failing grade (in a full-year course at mid-year), with the opportunity to address the area of deficient skills during the second semester, demonstrate acquisition of those skills, and raise their grade from an F to a passing level. Students identified will be encouraged to enroll in the CR program. A fee of \$150.00 per course will be charged. This will be refunded upon successful completion of the course.

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

- **Voted:** To adopt the Credit Recovery Program
- **Passed:** Unanimous

TRHS Mission Statement

TRHS Assistant Principal John Leary reported that one of the tasks associated with the NEASC accreditation process is to create a mission statement that defines each school. A first reading of the TRHS mission statement was presented to the TRSB.

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

- **Voted:** To approve the first reading of the TRHS Mission Statement
- **Passed:** Unanimous

District Professional Development Plan

Charlene Antonakas, Anne Day and Lois Paul presented the Professional Development five-year plan. They highlighted the changes regarding re-certification and noted that Paraeducators are also included in this plan.

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

- **Voted:** To adopt the Professional Development Five-Year Plan
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Nancy Hart recognized Mrs. Antonakas, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Paul for their work on this project. The Professional Development team then invited the TRSB to the March 13th Professional Development session at the SAU.

2007-2008 School Year Calendar Draft #2

Dr. McDonald presented a proposed 2007-2008 school year calendar. He reported that school would begin after Labor Day and the November professional development day was moved to January 22. This draft of the calendar has been sent to the Timberlane Teachers Association for review. A discussion ensued.

It was noted that a report on current year early release days should be presented and the input from the TTA should be received and reported at the TRSB meeting scheduled on February 1, 2007 prior to further consideration.

Administrator's Report

Dr. McDonald noted a copy of the warrant was included in the TRSB packages, and the public hearing is scheduled for January 10 at the PAC at 7PM. He also noted the district retirement dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16.

He then went on to report that today, at approximately 8:15 AM, a fire alarm sounded at the high school. The building was evacuated, Plaistow Fire Department and Police Department responded. After an investigation, it was determined there had been a non-toxic chemical accident in Room 118 in which a student set a beaker on a burner too hard, the beaker broke and the non-toxic chemical went directly on the burner causing a non-toxic gas. No one was injured. The fire department cleared the building of any residual gas and declared the building safe to occupy by approximately 8:50AM. Dr. (grandfather) McDonald also reported that his daughter delivered a son, Daniel Jonathan.

Personnel Report

Dr. McDonald recommended accepting the retirement requests of:

1. Lynda Warren TRHS Media Specialist
2. Christine Noyes TRMS Language Arts Teacher

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

- **Voted:** To accept with regret and appreciation the retirement requests of Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Noyes
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Committee Reports

Mrs. Aubrey reported the next Transition Committee meeting will be held on January 18th at Sandown Central at 3:15 PM. Mrs. Withee noted the next Facilities meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th at 8:30 AM at the SAU. Mrs. Kosta reported that Curriculum Committee would meet on January 17th at the TRMS library.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on their attendance at school activities.

Correspondence Folder - Done

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Reviewed

Other Business - Mr. Brown stated he would prefer to start the TRSB meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Paone and Mrs. Withee expressed their view that the meeting time should not change from 7:30 PM. Mr. Brown felt the cake "break time" should not happen during the meeting and suggested having the cake celebration prior to the meeting. A discussion ensued and no action was taken.

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mrs. Withee

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM

Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk