

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

Regular Meeting
February 15, 2007

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Roll call was taken

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

Absent: Mrs. Aubrey

Administrators Present

Dr. McDonald	Superintendent
Margaret Ralph	Director of Elementary Education
Charles Coker	Director of Secondary Education
Steven Rugoletti	Science Teacher at TRHS

Mr. Rugoletti led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of February 1, 2007 regular meeting with changes.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Delegations and Individuals

Ms. Emily Weston reported progress report grades are scheduled to close on Friday, February 16th. Students are excited to begin February vacation on February 23rd. Wednesday, February 14th the students enjoyed the day off due to weather conditions, the National Honor Society postponed their delivery of carnations to students until Thursday. Rachel's Challenge was well attended this past week. The assembly was designed in remembrance of Rachel Joy Scott, the first to die in the Columbine High School shooting. Rachel's Uncle, Larry Scott, led the assembly that had a powerful message to students. The students were challenged to go out and make a difference in their school and community. Rachel's Uncle also led a workshop after the event for student leaders in the schools. It was a well received message that is important to all students.

Eight students who attended the national LEAD conference in St. Louis, Missouri made it home safe and sound. After their long day of traveling students were finally able to meet and interact with students from the central states. They visited the City Museum and learned the history of the "Gateway to the West". The students attended workshops that included information on school dress codes, communicating with administration and creating themes for school events as well as many other topics. When the students returned home they returned to a full plate of events to set up and activities to plan. Big Buddy Little Buddy planning is under way, the Juniors and Seniors recently submitted their applications for approval and selections, letters of those chosen will be sent out to the Little Buddies as soon as possible. A "Computer Dating" Valentine Day fundraiser had students completing questionnaires concerning their perfect date and describing themselves. The surveys are then put into a computer program and the students were matched up with a list of those most compatible for them. The results are sold at lunches for one dollar.

Current Business

Timberlane High School Robotics Team

Mr. Rugoletti reported that the Robotics team will be competing this year at the Boston Regional event instead of the Manchester Regional event due to conflicts with chaperone schedules. The Boston event runs from Thursday, March

22nd through Saturday, March 24th. Travel details are incomplete at this time but Mr. Rugoletti asked for permission to have the team stay for one night, Friday, March 23 at the Hyatt Hotel in Cambridge due travel problems with public transportation on Saturday morning.

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

- **Voted:** To approve the overnight stay for the Timberlane High School Robotics Team on March 23, 2007.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Early Release Report

Chuck Coker reviewed the early release and professional development day survey results. He noted that time away from the classroom for Teachers has decreased 32.1% from last year. Seven questions were presented on the survey and 337 residents responded. Some of the questions address challenges that families experience on early release days and the number of early release days per year. Chuck reported the issues families experience on these days and the comments from the parents. Forty-four of the surveyed requested a follow up response from Chuck who will contact each of them. Emily Weston reported the Student Counsel is trying to locate space to provide childcare on early release days. Chuck Coker volunteered to work with Emily Weston on this issue.

Graduation 2007

Chuck Coker reviewed the flyer that will be sent out to the parents of each student in the class of 2007 highlighting information, dates and times for all graduation events scheduled.

NECAP Testing Results

Peg Ralph reported on the NECAP test results that were taken by the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades in October of 2006. Peg noted the wonderful trend and compared the state and district results. She noted that in twelve of the fourteen categories the district ranked higher than the state average. The trend is towards improvement and results above the state average. Peg and Chuck noted that the categories that were below state average have action plans in place to address the issues. They analyze classes, students and teaching methods then share this information through the professional development program.

Mr. Luongo asked if district results could be compared with other districts. Mr. Paone inquired about the Everyday Math curriculum and how it compared to the Mathematics curriculum of the 1960's. Peg Ralph explained that there was no accountability in the 1960's thus no testing was done making comparisons impossible. A discussion ensued. Student test results will be sent home next week in the shuttle for parents to review. AYP results are due out in June.

Policy JFAB - Admission of Non-residential Students

Dr. McDonald explained that since we have changed the scheduling from quarters to tri-semesters the policy in question needs to reflect this change. Dr. McDonald recommended we change the word third quarter to read "91st day of school".

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

- **Voted:** To approve the wording change in Policy JFAB from third quarter to 91st day of school.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Dr. McDonald reported Governor Lynch will be at Atkinson Academy on Monday, February 19th at 9:00 am for the "Monday Morning Meeting" to meet the students. The District's Evening Division has 136 students enrolled.

Dr. McDonald attended Rachel's Challenge and noted it was well received. AlertNow has been a useful tool and was used on Wednesday, when school was cancelled due to the weather conditions.

Personnel Report

None

Committee Reports

Mr. Paone reported the Assistant Superintendent Search committee will meet on Friday, February 16th to make a decision on the finalists. The SAU Board is scheduled to interview the finalists on Tuesday evening, February 20th.

He also reported on the elementary schools snow plowing issue, he has scheduled a meeting for February 21st starting at 4 pm to visit the elementary schools and speak with the Principals and Head Custodians for their input on this issue.

After the elections it will then be discussed with the Road Agents and reported to the TRSB.

Mrs. Kosta noted that the next Curriculum committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at the TRMS Library.

Mrs. Withee attended the Wellness committee meeting and reported that sub-committees are being formed, and that if anyone is interested they should contact Chuck Coker. She also reported on the Plaistow Deliberative Session and the SRO information that was presented to the voters.

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

Correspondence Folder - Done

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other Business -None

Mrs. Champey adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk