

**Timberlane Regional School Board**  
**Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown**  
**New Hampshire**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 20, 2008,**

Immediately following the organizational meeting

**SAU 55 Office**

**Plaistow, NH**

**Call to Order**

At 7:45 PM, William Baldwin, TRSB Chair called the March 20, 2008 regular meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order.

**Roll Call was taken**

**Present:** Lori Aubrey, William Baldwin, Stephen Brown, Arlene Champey, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Kosta, Michael Mascola, John Paone, Lisa Withee and Emily Weston.

**Absent:** None

**Administrators present**

Richard La Salle, Superintendent

Peg Ralph, Director of Elementary Education

Charles Coker, Director of Secondary Education

George Stokinger, Business Administrator

Kathy Smith, Assistant Business Administrator

Donald Woodworth, TRHS Principal

Barbara Hopkins, School Improvement Facilitator

**Approval of minutes**

- **Motion:** Arlene Champey made a motion, seconded by Lori Aubrey to
- **Voted:** Accept the minutes of the March 6, 2008 non-public meeting minutes of the Timberlane Regional School Board as written.
- **Passed:** Eight in favor and two abstentions ( Robert Collins and Emily Weston)
  
- **Motion:** Arlene Champey made a motion, seconded by John Paone to
- **Voted:** Accept the minutes of the March 6, 2008 public meeting minutes of the Timberlane Regional School Board with the following changes
  - Under committee reports change Mr. Mascola to Mr. Baldwin who reported on the Athletic Director's position.
  - Add that the TRSB came out of the non-public session at 11:59 PM
- **Passed:** Nine in favor and one abstention ( Robert Collins)
  
- **Motion:** Elizabeth Kosta made a motion, seconded by Lisa Withee
- **Voted:** Accept the minutes of the March 13, 2008 orientation training session minutes of the Timberlane Regional School Board as written.
- **Passed:** Eight in favor and one abstention (Emily Weston)

**Delegations and individuals**

**School Report**

Emily Weston reported The Timberlane Players will present several performances of "Inherit the Wind" over the next week, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances as well as a matinee on Saturday afternoon and a Wednesday performance for the English classes. She continued to report that spring sports are underway including track, baseball, tennis, lacrosse and softball, an open house for parents was held at the high school, and the Math team placed second in the State. She concluded her report noting a band concert is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> and the pie day fund raiser was a success.

Kevin Zambrano reported student council members participated in the second open house at the high school by distributing room lists, maps and providing directions. There are fifteen student council members scheduled to help out at the Timberlane job fair on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Kevin then reported many council members attended at State meeting in Winnisquam where they learned the NHASC guidelines for the honor book and the IOU project. He then went on to report that a highly attended school spirit activity was held and the final Kids-Night-Out of the year is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Current Business**

#### **Review of Election Results**

Mr. La Salle reviewed the District voting results of March 10th, noting that Mr. Robert Collins from Danville was elected to the school board and a budget committee write-in candidate was elected with three votes. Mr. Len Mullen accepted the budget committee position and a warm welcome was extended to the new members.

#### **Mathematics Curriculum**

It was noted the mathematics curriculum was distributed at the last school board meeting where it was determined more time was needed for review. The board has since had time to review the curriculum. Mr. Coker asked for the board's approval.

- **Motion:** Elizabeth Kosta made a motion, seconded by Lori Aubrey
- **Voted:** To approve the Mathematics Curriculum as presented
- **Passed:** Nine voted in favor, one abstention (Robert Collins)

#### **Non-Public Session**

- **Motion:** Lori Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Stephen Brown
- **Voted:** To enter into a non-public session 91A:3II (c) at 8:15 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call
  
- **Motion:** Lori Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Arlene Champey
- **Voted:** To come out of the non-public session @ 8:50 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

**No action was taken during the non-public session.**

- **Motion:** Lori Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Arlene Champey
- **Voted:** To seal the minutes of the 3-20-08 non-public session for 99 years.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

#### **Block Scheduling**

Mr. Coker and Mr. Woodworth presented the block scheduling concept noting that four by four block scheduling would allow teachers more time to connect with students as well as more time to provide in-depth instruction. Four courses would be taken in the first half of the year and four more would be taken in the second half.

Mr. Coker continued to say that block scheduling is utilized by many school districts in the state and is tied to the national standards and state frame work. Timberlane would be part of the majority if approved. One of the advantages experienced by other districts is a reduced failure rate due to more in-depth learning time. Mr. Woodworth believes that it encourages better relationships between teacher and students. He continued to note that teachers will also need to change their methods of teaching. They will need to create more interactive and effective ways of teaching. Block scheduling will give students additional opportunities to work in-depth at subjects within the class room. Mrs. Champey expressed her support of block scheduling and noted that professional development time should be spend in training new teaching methods required to be successful in this venue. Mr. La Salle gave an example of how block scheduling would help a student by granting more time to learn each subject but completing the required amount of subjects per year. He continued that kindergarten and elementary schools encourage this type of scheduling.

- **Motion: Arlene Champey made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Kosta**
- **Voted:** To approve continued research of block scheduling.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

### **School Calendar**

The second draft of the 2008-2009 school calendar was presented for consideration. Members requested October 29 be scheduled as a regular school day and not an early release day as indicated in the draft.

- **Motion: Elizabeth Kosta made a motion, seconded by Lisa Withee**
  - To approve draft 2 of the 2008-2009 school year calendar with the following change;
    - Remove October 29, 2008 as an early release, scheduling this as a full school day.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

### **High school construction project**

Mr. Stokinger thanked the public for their support of this project. He reported that the exterior wall between the metal shop and wood shop would be too costly to remove. An alternate solution would be to remove the garage door and repair the space on the exterior wall. The HVAC systems options needed to be reviewed further. A review of each cost item will be done on Tuesday.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. La Salle recommended the 2008 graduation day be scheduled for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

- **Motion: Elizabeth Kosta made a motion, seconded by Lori Aubrey**
- **Voted:** To schedule the 2008 graduation on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 5:30 PM
- **Passed:** Unanimous

### **Personnel**

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the sabbatical request of Jacqueline Oros - MS Curriculum Coordinator (14 Years with District) with 50% salary and benefit support while on sabbatical. He further recommends not filing the vacancy and using the savings for a comprehensive literary program coach.

- **Motion: Arlene Champey made a motion, seconded by Lori Aubrey**
  - To approve the sabbatical request of Jacqueline Oros
- **Passed: Unanimous**

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignations of the following;

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| Kevin Beaudoin,    | Pollard School      | SPED                          |
| Amy Blaszk         | Danville Elementary | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade Teacher |
| Dale Gregory       | Danville Elementary | Media Specialist              |
| Suzanna Hartman    | TRHS                | Chemistry Teacher             |
| Robin Chater       | TRHS                | Teacher                       |
| Carolyn Morse-Finn | TRHS                | Spanish Teacher               |
| Katherine Wayss    | Atkinson Academy    | Teacher                       |
| Linda Tobin        | Atkinson Academy    | Nurse                         |

- **Motion: Stephen Brown made a motion, seconded by Lori Aubrey**
    - To accept the resignations of the following
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| Kevin Beaudoin,    | Pollard School      | SPED                          |
| Amy Blaszk         | Danville Elementary | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade Teacher |
| Dale Gregory       | Danville Elementary | Media Specialist              |
| Suzanna Hartman    | TRHS                | Chemistry Teacher             |
| Robin Chater       | TRHS                | Teacher                       |
| Carolyn Morse-Finn | TRHS                | Spanish Teacher               |
| Katherine Wayss    | Atkinson Academy    | Teacher                       |
| Linda Tobin        | Atkinson Academy    | Nurse                         |
- **Passed: Unanimous**

### Reports of the School Board

Mr. Mascola will attend the high school renovation committee meeting. Mrs. Withee reported the energy report shows an overall savings. She recommended the summer hours schedule be implemented again this year in an effort to save money and energy.

She continued to report on the facilities committee meeting noting that the Danville kitchen is part of the minimal standards compliance report and noted the hood in the kitchen does not have a fire suppression system. A section of the Danville roof installed in 1988 has rigid insulation which is deteriorating parts of the steel structure and needs to be inspected. A cost estimate of the repair to the roof is \$115,000 which includes replacing the steel decking and re-roofing the area. The inspection of the roof should be scheduled for this summer. This inspection would require removing the roof and visually checking the steel structure. The well at Danville school from 1964 is currently being monitored. She went on to say that Mr. Woodworth provided the facilities committee a list of deficiencies at the high school. Mr. Paone suggested a feasibility study committee be formed to investigate construction options for both the middle and high schools. Mrs. Withee concluded by inviting residents and parents to attend the annual facilities tour.

Mrs. Aubrey reported on the transition committee which has scheduled Move-Up Day on June 17<sup>th</sup>. They will meet again on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Champey conveyed with sadness that she attended the funeral services of Wendell Brazee who was the Lead Custodian at Danville Elementary school. She extended her condolences to his family. She continued to report that the safety committee will meet on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the SAU office.

Mr. Collins thanked the voters and expressed his honor in serving on this school board.

The board members reported on district activities they attended.

Mr. Baldwin asked the board members to submit their committee assignment requests for the 2008-09 school year.

- **Motion: Lisa Withee made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Kosta**
  - To approve summer hours for the 2008-2009 school year months of July and August.
- **Passed: Unanimous**

**Correspondence - None**

**Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done**

**Other**

Mr. Stokinger noted that the District's 2-year contract with the natural gas and electric companies expire this year.

Having no additional business before the board, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy  
Timberlane Regional School Board Clerk