

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

Regular Meeting
April 19, 2007

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Mr. Paone (Vice Chair) 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, Mrs. Withee and Ms. Weston

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Administrators Present

Dr. McDonald	Superintendent
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator

Ms. Emily Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

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

- Voted: To approve the minutes of the March 29th, 2007 special meeting, April 5th, 2007 regular meeting and April 12, 2007 orientation session as written.
- Passed: Unanimous

Delegations and individuals

None

Student Council

Ms. Emily Weston reported that students were inducted into the National Honor Society at TRHS and Student Council members held a successful regional conference on Tuesday, April 17th. Due to the weather conditions some towns were not able to attend the conference, but Sanborn, Salem and Winnacunnet did attend. Other successful fund raisers are the ice cream sundae sale which raised more than \$500 for the Anne Reardon Scholarship for this year and the Kids Night Out which was held on April 7th.

Current Business

Destination Imagination

TRMS DI team won the State of NH championship in their category. Managers introduced themselves and the students reported on their core challenge; Card-Di-ology in which they designed and built a structure from playing cards and glue that held 420 pounds of weight which is 100 pound more than the second place team. They are now invited to attend the DI Global Finals in Knoxville TN at the University of Tennessee.

Danville Elementary DI team also won their category in the State of NH championship. Team members Kyle Brown, Ben Chretien, Tyler Guilmette and Frances Skinner all reported on their challenge; Direct Flight where they created aircrafts and elevators to launch their aircrafts to remain aloft, perform stunts and land in certain zones. They too are now invited to attend the DI Global Finals. Both teams asked permission from the TRSB to attend the finals during scheduled school days and to defray the cost. A discussion ensued. Each group has been raising funds to help defray the cost but would like some assistance from the TRSB.

Dr. McDonald recommended funding between \$2950 and \$3900 per team, any surplus from a team should be transferred to the other team if needed.

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

- **Voted:** Approval of TRMS and Danville DI teams to attend and be away from school on May 23, 24 and 25th, 2007 as well as funding of \$3500 per team for the DI Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. Any surplus from a team can and should be used by the other team if needed.
- **Passed:** Eight in Favor, one opposed

On a motion by Mr. Brown, to have the Students only of the DI teams use the monies provided by the TRSB, Seconded by (this motion was not seconded)

- **No vote was taken**

A discussion ensued.

Parental Communication

Mrs. Judy Armstrong of Danville expressed her opinion that all incidents that occur at school should be reported to parents. Mrs. Armstrong also requested a log be kept by the Resource Officer of all incidents and be published on power school for parents to view. Dr. McDonald explained that safety issues are promptly communicated to parents and disciplinary issues are handled with the specific parents of students due to privacy laws and regulations. Dr. McDonald further stated that the TRSD does not discipline by community. A discussion ensued.

School Board Goals

The goals of the School Board were reviewed noting the second goal was updated to reflect the support of kindergarten by the TRSD.

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

- **Voted:** To accept the goals for the 2007-2008 TRSB goals with amendments to goal #2 to read "Implement alternative educational strategies to meet the needs of all students."
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Primex

Mr. Stokinger proposed a three-year membership agreement offered by Primex for the workers compensation and Property/Liability coverage. He explained that Primex is offering a five percent (5%) discount off our membership contributions for each year of the three-year term. Primex has been handling our coverage and supporting the district with programs, inspections, training and being part of the safety committee to help improve our ratings in both coverage types.

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

- **Voted:** To approve the three-year membership agreement with Primex for workers compensation, and property/liability programs.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Waiver

Dr. McDonald recommended a request for a one-day waiver on behalf of the Sandown Central School be requested from the commission of the Department of Education. The day would be requested because of the closure of Sandown Central School on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 due to a power outage, all other schools remained open.

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

- **Voted:** To approve the request be submitted to the Department of Education for one-day waiver for Sandown Central School due to a power outage on April 17, 2007.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To go into non-public session: 91A: 3.II (a) student and/or personnel issues at 8:50 PM
- **Roll call:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** Agreed to come out of non-public meeting at 11:30 PM
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Mr. Brown expressed concern about the wording in the Articles of Agreement as it pertains to kindergarten. Dr. McDonald stated the residents of the district voted in support of kindergarten and the articles do maintain that decision. He further explained that according to the articles, students of grades one through five have to be educated in their local communities and kindergarten students can be educated anywhere within the district, it does not need to be in each community. A discussion ensued.

Administrator's Report

Dr. McDonald reported on the NEASC self-study response and the communication from Salem High School relating to the threats received by SAU #57. A discussion ensued.

Personnel Reports

Dr. McDonald recommended accepting the resignations effective June 30, 2007 for the following:

- Peter Gagnon TRHS Biology
- Christina Johnson TRMS Gr 8 Language Arts
- Laura Thompson Pollard TLC ASD Teacher
- Breeda Whitmore Pollard Grade 5

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

- **Voted:** To accept the following resignations effective June 30, 2007:
 - Peter Gagnon TRHS Biology
 - Christina Johnson TRMS Gr 8 Language Arts
 - Laura Thompson Pollard TLC ASD Teacher
 - Breeda Whitmore Pollard Grade 5
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Dr. McDonald recommended nominating the following:

- Sandra Allaire TRHS French
- Stephen Delcambra TRHS Chemistry
- Jennifer Ferreira District General SPED EH
- Dale Gregory Danville Media Generalist
- Laura McLaughlin Sandown Media Generalist
- Marcia Nye Pollard TLC Preschool
- Darlene Schmidt TRMS General SPED Case Coordinator
- Eric Toto TRMS Grade 6 SS/Reading

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

- **Voted:** Agreed to accept the nominations of:
 - Sandra Allaire TRHS French
 - Stephen Delcambra TRHS Chemistry
 - Jennifer Ferreira District General SPED EH
 - Dale Gregory Danville Media Generalist
 - Laura McLaughlin Sandown Media Generalist
 - Marcia Nye Pollard TLC Preschool
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➤ **Passed:** Unanimous

Committee Assignments

The committee assignments for the TRSB members shall be on the next TRSB agenda.

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

Correspondence Folder - Done

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other

Dr. McDonald reported to the TRSB that in previous years the board had given each retiree a gift in recognition of the board appreciation of their service. Since this year the retiree functions are re-organized so a large party will be given to recognize their service at the Granite Rose on May 16th, Dr. McDonald inquired if the board would like to send the gift to be presented at the retiree party in May. The board agreed the presentation of the gift certificate should be included in the May activities.

Mr. Paone adjourned the meeting at 10:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk