

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

Regular Meeting  
May 3, 2007

SAU 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

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

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Nathan Escher, a student at Atkinson Academy who passed away after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Roll call was taken

**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**

Dr. McDonald	Superintendent
Mr. LaSalle	Assistant Superintendent
George Stoking	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Peg Ralph	Director of Elementary Education

Mrs. Aubrey 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 April 19th, 2007 regular meeting and April 19th, 2007 non-public minutes as written.
- Passed: Unanimous

**Delegations and individuals**

**Student Council**

Ms. Emily Weston reported that the girls Lacrosse team won their first game against Merrimack, 10-1, congratulations to the girls Lacrosse team. Timberlane Players will open their spring production of Carousel next weekend.

**Council**

Ms. Weston also reported that the Big Brother/Little Brother Day will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>; all participants will arrive at Atkinson in the morning, play outside, attend classes and spend time getting to know each other. New student council members will be notified on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> of their student council acceptance. Twenty-five members will be chosen from eighty-five applicants. Final banquet for the Student Council members is planned for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kid's Day was a success, thirteen children attended and thanks to Lisa Sears for volunteering and to Sandown North Elementary School for their use of their facility. A show of appreciation was shown to all teachers, administration, janitors and other staff by the student council members this past week.

**Current Business**

**Policy-JEB entrance age**

Mrs. Ralph reported further research is needed regarding entrance ages for kindergarten. She will work to develop the best practices for entrance age requirements. She will report back to the board once the research is complete. She will be contacting the surrounding districts for their policies on this matter.

**Kindergarten Construction project**

Mr. Stoking reported the progress on the Atkinson kindergarten project on behalf of Facilities Director Mr. Hughes. A spreadsheet was distributed showing the time line Mr. Hughes determined necessary to keep this project on pace.

Mr. Stokinger explained that the project is scheduled to have the exterior shell complete by the end of June. Framing is scheduled to begin on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This project is currently on schedule. Mr. Hughes is working with the Atkinson Fire department to ensure the turning radius for the fire trucks along the new addition.

### **Kindergarten Planning**

Mr. Ralph reported on the kindergarten planning aspect of this project. She has organized five committees to address all parts of this project. The committees meet on a weekly basis, as well as the parents' involvement committee which continues to work with the district; all striving to meet the kindergarten goals that have been set. Mrs. Ralph went on to describe the kindergarten website which is now up and running and accessible from any of elementary school websites. The website includes frequency asked questions, contacts, photos, forms and nurse health information. The most frequently asked question is: Will the morning and afternoon sessions be switched mid-year? The answer is "NO".

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. La Salle reported on the food service programs changes, the deadline for the resume submissions and the RFP submissions: deadline for both is Friday, May 4. A Cafeteria Review Committee has been established and will meet shortly to review the findings. Mr. La Salle is hoping to have a report ready for the TRSB at the next meeting.

Dr. McDonald reported that both Hampstead Central and Middle schools received the Edies Award for the School of the year. This is a great accomplishment for a town to have a school named School of the year and an even greater achievement to have two schools in a town receive the award in the same year. Congratulations to Patty Grassbaugh and Dillard Collins. Danville Elementary and TRHS have received the award in the past. Sandown Central has received approval from the DOE for a one day waiver that was requested due to the power outage. Teachers will have to make up that day to fulfill their contracts.

### **Personnel Reports**

Dr. McDonald recommended accepting the re-nomination of Ryan McCluskey whose previous 1 year contract has been changed to a permanent position.

**On a motion by Mrs. Champey, seconded by Mrs. Kosta**

- **Voted:** To accept the re-nomination of;
  - Ryan McCluskey TRMS Gr8 Language Arts
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- Stephen Secor TRHS Math
- Janet Danisevich SN PT (60%)
- Christy Davis Pollard TLC Speech/Language Pathologist

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

- **Voted:** To accept the following resignations with great regret and appreciation for their work effective June 30, 2007;
  - Stephen Secor TRHS Math
  - Janet Danisevich SN PT (60%)
  - Christy Davis Pollard TLC Speech/Language Pathologist
- **Passed:** Unanimous

### **Committee Assignments**

The committee assignments for the TRSB members were accepted by the members assigned.

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

**Correspondence Folder** - Done

**Vendor and Payroll Registers** - Payments for the Granite Rose retirement party are due the evening of the event which is prior to the next TRSB meeting. Accounts Payable needs approval from the Board to generate checks outside the scheduled bi-weekly process to pay this bill. It was suggested that Mr. Stokinger should review the checks and the Board would review them at the next meeting.

**On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Paone**

- **Voted:** To allow Mr. Stokinger to approve the retirement party checks that is due prior to the scheduled Board meetings.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

**Other**

Dr. McDonald reported May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM is the next meeting of the SAU board and his last SAU board meeting. A cake was suggested for this meeting by Mrs. Champey.

Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk