

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

Regular Meeting
June 5, 2008

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Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

William Baldwin, TRSB Chair, called the June 5th, 2008 regular meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm. He reported that Corporal Jonathan Lapham of the Atkinson Police Department passed away after a long illness. Corporal Lapham was the Dare Officer for Atkinson Academy and will be missed by the entire community.

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

Emily Weston led the board in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of minutes

- **Motion:** Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kosta to
- **Voted:** Accept the minutes of the May 8th, 2008 Regular and Non-public sessions and the May 20th, 2008 workshop of the Timberlane Regional School Board with the following changes.
- **Change May 8th regular meeting ending time to 12:30 am, change concern to concerns, and the date of the meeting to May 8th, 2008.**
- **Passed:** Eight in favor and two abstention (Mrs. Withee and Mr. Paone)

Delegations and individuals

School Report

Emily Weston reported the English Honor Society will have their final meeting on June 12th at 7PM in the high school court yard. The Historical Honor Society's final banquet and the Senior Athletic recognition night were held on Wednesday, June 4th, 2008. The National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony on Sunday, June 1st.

Student Council Report- None

Current Business

Eagle Scout Project

Christopher Negrotti, working on his final steps to become an Eagle Scout, presented a service project at the Pollard School that would take place over the summer months. This project would include restoring the flag pole, painting the hand railings and the columns at the school entrance. To ensure that lead paint is not encountered he would purchase a lead paint identifier kit at Home Depot and test areas. Christopher will coordinate this project with Principal Michelle Auger and the Director of Maintenance, James Hughes.

- **Motion:** Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kosta
- **Voted:** To allow Christopher Negrotti to move forward with the proposed Pollard School Eagle Scout project.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

School Bus Schedule

Mr. La Salle reviewed the proposed changes to the bus schedule and why he feels they are the best solution at this time. He outlined the arrival and dismissal times at the schools for the buses as well as the configuration of the traffic flow at the middle and high schools. Mr. La Salle informed the board that the changes to the schedule will be communicated by via the District website, a letter sent to all parents and published in the newspaper prior to the 2008-2009 school year.

Mrs. Champey voiced her support of the proposed change citing her confidence that it will create a safer environment.

- **Motion:** Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown
- **Voted:** To approve the change to the start and end times of the day for the elementary, middle and high schools for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Block Scheduling

Mr. Woodworth reported on the progress of researching block scheduling. He reviewed discussions with staff members and their focus on the need for change to the current instructional methods used to ensure the success of a longer class schedule. Other schools that use blocking scheduling have been visited and their procedures reviewed. One factor that he would like to see reinforced is the focus on professional development to support the change in instructional methods. Of the 60% of schools that use the block scheduling model, teachers report they would not change back to a regular schedule if given the option. Mr. Woodworth reiterated the District will need to find its own solutions and design a block schedule that works for the District. He believes his staff is up to this challenge and will continue researching this subject.

GED Option Program

Mr. Coker was asked at the May 8th school board meeting to allow the board time to review the data on the GED program. He is here today to ask the board for a decision to support his program.

- **Motion:** Mrs. Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Champey
- **Voted:** To approve the GED Program for the Timberlane Regional High School.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Graduation Procedure

Mr. La Salle reviewed the current laws relative to the school board chair presenting diplomas to the graduating students. Mr. Woodworth is requesting permission to hand the diploma to the students.

- **Motion:** Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey
- **Voted:** To allow Mr. Woodworth to hand the graduating class of 2008 their diplomas.

- **Passed:** Unanimous

Tuition Rates

Mr. Stokinger proposed the following tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year:

Kindergarten	\$5,400
Elementary school	\$10,800
Middle school	\$11,100
High school	\$10,300
Special Education	\$21,400

- **Motion:** Mrs. Kosta made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey
- **Voted:** To approve the tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Mr. Stokinger then presented a list of eleven proposed tuition students for the board's approval.

- **Motion:** Mrs. Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Withee
- **Voted:** To approve the list of eleven tuition students for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Mr. La Salle reported that an employee of the community is requesting a reduction of the tuition rate for their child to attend the Timberlane Regional School District whereas; they work in one of the four towns that make up the Timberlane School District. The positive and negative aspects of this arrangement were discussed.

- **Motion:** Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Withee
- **Voted:** To authorize the Superintendent to approve subsequence requests for admission and review circumstances surrounding the request and to adjust the tuition rate.
- **Motion was Withdrawn**

- **Motion:** Mr. Mascola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins
- **Voted:** To waive policy JFAB for this specific town employee and the tuition to be set by the Superintendent.
- **Failed:** 4 in favor, 5 opposed

The board recommended the policy committee review policy JFAB.

Facilities Audit

Mr. La Salle reported the District is in receipt of two bids to conduct facilities assessments on the middle and high school. They are New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) and New England School Development Council (NESDEC). He would like to be able to accept and move forward with the bid progress for this project. He clarified that both proposals match the request for financial proposal (RFP) and he has confidence in both organizations. A discussion ensued.

- **Motion:** Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mascola
- **Voted:** To accept the proposal of NHSAA for the assessment of the educational space needs for the Timberlane Regional High and Middle Schools.
- **Failed:** 2 in favor, 7 opposed

Mrs. Champey stated she was uncomfortable with the time frame of the NHSAA for the completion of the project in the time line as written in the RFP as they had requested additional time.

- **Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kosta**
- **Voted:** To accept the proposal of NESDEC for the assessment of the educational space needs for the Timberlane Regional High and Middle Schools.
- **Passed:** 7 in favor, 2 opposed

Mr. La Salle asked the board if they would like him to send out an RFP or negotiate with the Levallee-Brensinger who is current working with the District. The board asked Mr. La Salle to negotiate with Levallee- Brensinger before they make a decision on this matter.

Federal Funding Authorization

Mr. La Salle explained that each year the school board is asked to authorize specific individuals to submit grant applications and federal funding forms to the state on behalf of the district.

- **Motion: Mrs. Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kosta**
- **Voted:** To authorize the superintendent, assistant superintendent, business administrator and assistant business administrator to submit grant applications and federal financial forms on behalf of the Timberlane Regional School District for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle reminded the board that the school approval visit report failed the kitchen at Danville Elementary School. A firm has been contacted to see if repairs can bring it into compliance. Currently there is a set amount of budgeted monies earmarked for kitchen repairs and in the 2008-2009 budget there is \$70,000 for kitchen equipment needs.

Personnel

Non-Public Session

- **Motion: Mrs. Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kosta**
- **Voted:** To enter into a non-public session 91A:3II (b) at 9:10 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

- **Motion: Lori Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Arlene Champey**
- **Voted:** To come out of the non-public session at 9:50 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

No action was taken during the non-public session.

Richard La Salle recommended the Board approve the promotion of Kathy Dayotis to the position of Principal of Atkinson Academy.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Champey

- To accept the nomination of Kathy Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
- Passed:** Unanimous

Administrator's Report- None

Reports of the School Board - None

Correspondence - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other

Having no additional business before the board, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy

Timberlane Regional School Board Clerk