

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

Regular Meeting
September 6, 2007
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Roll call was taken

Mr. Paone led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Richard La Salle	Superintendent
Peg Ralph	Director of Elementary Education
Charles Coker	Director of Secondary Education
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
James Hughes	Director of Facilities
Donald Woodworth	Principal of TRHS

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Mascola, second by Mr. Paone

- Voted: To approve the minutes of the August 16, 2007 regular meeting and non-public meeting.
- Passed: Unanimous

Delegations and individuals

Ms. Susan Fichera, Nurse at the Pollard School, reported the Exeter hospital mobile medical van mission outlining the care that is given to all who seek medical attention. The mobile medical van visits many sites throughout the area. They provide free health care to uninsured and underinsured adults and children. Some services are routine screenings and health education as well as physicals for school or sports, immunizations, referrals and care coordination.

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

- Voted: To allow the parking of the Exeter Hospital Mobile Medical Van two times per month on Timberlane property.
- Passed: Unanimous

School Report

Ms. Weston reported with three days down, there are only about 177 days until the next summer vacation. The high school students filled the hallways on Tuesday morning, still groggy from waking up with the sun for the first time in months. As lunch time rolled around, students couldn't wait to see the new cafeteria program in action. Although the lunches started a bit slow, student and staff enjoyed their new options and the new look of the cafeteria. Some delights were chicken marsala, fresh salads, made-to-order sandwiches and yogurt parfaits.

Freshmen Advisors is a new program at the high school to help freshmen acclimate to their new school. The program assigns one senior student to each freshmen study hall. Once there, students are able to discuss school rules, ask questions and learn the different resources available.

Student Council Report

Ms. Weston reported for Kevin Zambrano that the council has been very busy with fund raising activities, Spirit Week preparations and organization for additional fund raisers. On Saturday, September 15th the council scheduled a BBQ at Wal-Mart. They will be selling hot dogs, drinks and of course hamburgers.

This year there will be a change to the Mr. Timberlane contest; they have added a "Ms." Timberlane. The men's category will not be changing while the ladies will try to identify car parts and state their functions.

Student Council members reported to school on Thursday before opening day to assist the Teachers with setting up their classrooms. All the Teachers were appreciative with the extra help. Later that night more members showed up for the Freshmen Orientation providing maps, directions and a helping hand.

Current Business

NECAP Results

Peg Ralph reported Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) results highlighting that all the elementary schools are AYP approved. Pollard School was a school in need of improvement but, is no longer on the list.

Chuck Coker reported the AYP results for the TRMS which is under a continuous improvement plan. As a district we did accomplish AYP.

Chuck Coker recapped the efforts that were used to improve all the scores noting professional development, curriculum improvement by adding Everyday Math and targeted groups for additional personalized instructions. The middle school re-organized to remove any gaps in the programs and made improvements to professional development. Mr. La Salle recognized the students and staff's hard work to achieve the AYP results.

Suspension report

Chuck Coker reviewed the discipline report by category for 2006-2007 school year. He reported that attendance is recorded per period, Overall there is a reduction in the number of in-school and out-of school suspensions. One of the methods used to reduce the suspensions and discipline issues is to educate the teachers on what type of incidents should be referred to the office and why.

Mrs. Champey inquired if the time spent waiting in the referral office can be reduced? Mr. Coker clarified that the students who are sitting in the referral office are there for a specific reason and the focus is to get the student back to class.

Atkinson Academy Construction update

Mr. Hughes reported that the construction at Atkinson Academy is moving along; the sprinkler work is set to be tested on Friday and then inspected. Once inspected the sheet rock and taping will begin. Mr. Hughes is hoping for a completion date of September 17th with an occupancy following on September 24th.

The wall and fence combination has been completed. The fence mesh is small in size to prevent children from climbing it. Mrs. Champey thanked Mr. Hughes for following through on the fencing mesh. Mr. Hughes was thanked by the board for a job well done! He will be adding signage to the area prohibiting the climbing of the fence. Cable has been run to the site for surveillance cameras to be installed, if necessary. Mr. Hughes clarified that the cost of the wall is included in the budget for this project.

Cafeteria opening

Mr. La Salle reported that Mike Lewis of Café Services and Kathy Smith, Assistant Business Administrator have done a wonderful job getting the new food service program up and running. They have put in long hours and their dedication and efforts have paid off. The Cafeteria opening was not perfect but went very well. The Point of Service (POS) system is new to the cafeteria workers but all had positive attitudes and worked hard to understand the operation of the new system. There were some challenges, for example, the first graders would be able to make a faster choice if they could view pictures instead of a written menu. Overall the opening day for the cafeterias was a great success that will continue to improve.

Summer projects

Mr. Hughes reported the security systems have been installed and they are now training the staff in the proper procedures. The air handlers are all up and running except for Atkinson Academy which is scheduled for Monday, September 10th. Mr. Hughes reported the water tank is completed and online. The maintenance and custodial staff did an excellent job on all the summer projects which were done well and in a timely manner. Mr. Brown asked if the signage for Sandown North could be larger since it is hard to see. Mr. Hughes will assign the grounds crew to clear the area around the sign to give it more visibility. Mrs. Champey commented how nice the high school looks with the addition of the trim to finish the roof project.

Mr. La Salle noted that the finishing touches matter for the completion of the project, for example, the siding project at Pollard; once this was completed it tied the school together so it appears to be one building. Mr. Hughes reported that he does this so all taxpayers can be proud of the schools.

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle reported the overall opening of school was a success, some slow buses and slow service in the cafeteria due to the changes but a great opening. Some schools reported "a pleasant first day, great day for parents and children, good start, great atmosphere, fun day especially kindergarten and first graders." Mr. La Salle appreciated Ms. Weston's email notifying him that students were extremely impressed with the food program and the building in general noting new books, new teachers, new computers and not a single computer problem.

Personnel Reports

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the nominations of

Jamie Brown	Pollard	Teacher
Alyce Maal	TRMS	SPED Teacher
Kerin Tardif	Pollard	Teacher

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

- **Voted:** To accept the nominations of:
 - Jamie Brown Pollard Teacher
 - Alyce Maal TRMS SPED Teacher
 - Kerin Tardif Pollard Teacher

Mr. La Salle reviewed the Timberlane Turnover Report noting it is a healthy savings to start out the year.

Committee Assignments

Mrs. Champey reported the next Safety Committee meeting will be a community and district effort to be held on October 23, at the SAU office, starting at 8:30 AM.

Mrs. Withee reported the next Facilities meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18 at the SAU office at 8:30 AM. The Campus tours are scheduled for September 13th and the meeting time will be communicated to the TRSB and Budget Committee members who would like to attend. The TRSB member should meet at the front door of the high school.

Mrs. Kosta reported the Professional Development Committee will meet Tuesday, September 11th at the SAU office at 3:15 PM and the Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 PM at the SAU office.

Reports of School Board - Board members expressed their appreciation and positive thoughts on the upcoming school year.

Correspondence Folder - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other

Mr. Stokinger wanted to thank Kathy Smith for all her time, dedication and efforts in the cafeteria project, great job Mrs. Smith!

Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk