

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

Regular Meeting  
October 6, 2005

SAU 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

Mrs. Champey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**Present:** Mrs. Aubrey (7:35 p.m.), Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Luongo, Mrs. Miller,  
Mr. Stack, Mrs. Withee

**Absent:** Mr. Brayall

Kelsey Janowicz, Student Council, led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance

**Administrators Present**

Charles Coker	High School Principal
George Stokinger	Business Manager
Peter Taylor	District Maintenance Director

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Mrs. Kosta, seconded by Mr. Stack;

**Voted:** To approve the minutes of September 15, 2005

**Passed:** Unanimously

**Delegations and Individuals** – Kelsey Janowicz, Student Council member, reported on upcoming student events specifically spirit week. She congratulated the high school orchestra who received the Grand Champion Award from Disney. AP Scholar Awards have been given to David Baillargeon and Jason King. Eric Cornelius was awarded the AP Scholar with Distinction Award. Ryan Mill and Megan Hatton have been awarded the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. David DeBaun, Andrea Gleason, and Caitlin Ahearn are commended students for the Merit Scholarship.

**Current Business**

**Tim Lena Award for Fighting Drug and Alcohol Abuse** – Mr. Lena discussed the award scholarship he received from the Tom Fox Scholarship Award for the excellence and exemplary contribution to the delivery of alcohol and other drug prevention services. He stated the success of this program is because of the extensive community effort. The program used by Timberlane is used as a model for the Department of Education. He talked about upcoming events, statistics deemed from surveys, and planning for the future. Mr. Lena invited anyone interested to attend the coalition meeting. Mrs. Champey asked to have the dates of the coalition meeting placed on TEN Network.

**Atkinson Academy: Agreement with Town for Management of Fields and Access Road** – Mr. Douglas Dow described the proposed emergency access road and parking lot to be built for the Atkinson Academy fields. All materials and work would be completely donated. He discussed his feeling that the access road would only be positive for safety and cannot see any down side. Mr. Baldwin expressed his concern for the need of an access road and could not understand why it wasn't part of the original proposal. Dr. McDonald also stated that an actual walk through has not been done and wouldn't recommend an approval until that happens. Mr. Jack Sapia, Atkinson Selectman, congratulated Mr. Dow on the wonderful work he does on behalf of kids. He was always in favor of the work for a parking lot but he was not aware of an access road until recently. He also stated he would support the boards decision which ever way they decide. It was noted that the Board members were in favor of the parking lot and not the access road proposed.

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mrs. Miller;

**Voted:** To move forward the agreement with the Town of Atkinson regarding management of Atkinson Academy Fields for satisfactory approval of language by Town of Atkinson and TRSD attorneys.

**Passed:** Unanimously

No motion was made for construction of a parking lot and emergency access road.

**Revised Energy Conservation Plan** – Mr. Taylor, District Maintenance Director, and George Stokinger, Business Manager, presented the revised Conservation Energy Plan. Changes were made with copy machines and computers for automatic shut off after a period of inactivity. Mrs. Withee recommended to move forward with the plan.

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Stack

**Voted:** To move forward with the Energy Conservation Plan

**Passed:** Unanimously

**Committee for Future Planning** – Dr. McDonald reported by 2010, as stated to voters, additional space would be needed. We are already 64 students over at the high school. Future planning is needed for space and site needs. A committee needs to be formed with 2 members from the community, two principals, two school board members, one budget committee member, facilities committee, and Dr. McDonald. Mrs. Kosta, Mrs. Champey, and Dr. McDonald will meet prior to the Budget/School Board Meeting on October 27, 2005 to plan for the committee.

Mrs. Miller notified the board of Federal Money available for bike paths that might interest the school district.

**Policy JFAB Admission of Non-Residential Students**

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

**Voted:** To accept the first reading to change the policy from 90 to 45 school days for registration of students with a purchase and sales agreement.

**Passed:** Unanimously

**October 1, 2005 Enrollment Report -**

Total enrollment in the District is 4,599 students making us still the ninth largest school in the state. On a question regarding the evening division, Dr. McDonald stated the students are not included this count but he will add them to the register soon.

**Facilities** – Bids have been accepted for the access control at the high school (without cameras) and the vinyl siding at Sandown Central. The final Turner Report has not been received but was expected today.

Mr. Stokinger distributed a report of cost to the district for electricity. He is expecting a 60% increase in the electric rates for the high school and middle school. If this rate is approved we could see a \$100,000 to \$150,000 increase for this school year. He suggested the Timberlane District be approved to hire a broker to find sources of electricity supplies at the cheapest rate. With the School Boards approval a broker would be allowed to access our electric usage from Unutil, review our needs, and go out to solicit bids.

Mr. Luongo asked if other schools could be surveyed for their experience of using a broker for electricity. A discussion ensued about being careful not to have all our power turned on at once because a spike in electricity can cause an increase in charges.

On a motion by Mr. Luongo, seconded by Mrs. Withee;

**Voted:** To authorize the Timberlane Regional School District to solicit bids for electricity and gas.

**Passed:** Unanimously

Dr. McDonald stated there would be a short fall in this year's budget for energy costs. He stated he would work within the budget as best he can rather than go to the taxpayers again.

A decision has been made by all the towns to continue to do snow plowing at elementary schools.

**Administrator's Report** – The School District took the EEE threat seriously and worked with sports teams to schedule games earlier and the Town of Plaistow to spray for mosquitoes. Dr. McDonald reminded Mr. Stokinger that a line item for spraying of mosquitoes will need to be added to next year's budget. He thanked the Town of Plaistow for their cooperation. Dr. McDonald read a letter sent home to parents, written by Mr. Coker, Principal, regarding the bomb threat at the high school.

**Personnel Report**

Dr. McDonald recommended accepting the resignation of Nola Joyce, Teacher at the Pollard School, effective October 14, 2005.

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

**Voted:** To accept the resignation of Nola Joyce

**Passed:** Unanimously

**Committee Reports** – Mrs. Miller reported the next Budget Committee Meeting will also be a joint School Board Meeting with the understanding that it is a Budget Committee Meeting run by the Chair of Budget Committee (Daniel Tarushka). Dr. McDonald reminded the board that it is a posted meeting for both. Mrs. Champey asked for a quorum. Mrs. Miller also stated she would like to start up the Public Relations Committee but needs the names of the committee members. Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Kosta, Mrs. Withee, and Mrs. Champey participated in the facilities tours. Mr. Stack stated the next Curriculum meeting will be October 12 at the Middle School Library. Mrs. Withee asked to be involved with the communication piece of the Energy Committee and would like to see a meeting schedule soon. Mrs. Champey stated she felt the schools are being maintained properly as promised with the last building project.

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

**Correspondence Folder** - None

**Vendor and Payroll Registers** – Reviewed

**Other Business** –

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Baldwin

**Voted:** To go into a non-public session 91A: 3.II (a)

**Passed:** Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Baldwin

**Voted:** To come out of non-public session at 10:12 PM

**Passed:** Unanimous

On a motion by Lori Aubrey, second by Lisa Withee

**Voted:** To accept the reorganization plan for maintenance and facilities

**Passed:** Unanimously

On a motion by Lori Aubrey, second by William Baldwin

**Voted:** To give a stipend of \$6000 to Jim Hughes for his additional responsibilities

**Passed:** Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey

**Voted:** To adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM

**Passed:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell

Clerk