

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

Regular Meeting
November 3, 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, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Kosta, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Stack, Mrs. Withee

Absent: Mr. Brayall, Mr. Luongo

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

Administrators Present

George Stokinger Business Administrator
Dr. Keith Pfeifer Director Secondary Curriculum Instruction & Assessment

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop held on October 13, 2005.

Passed: 5 in favor, 2 abstained (Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Stack)

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop held on October 27, 2005.

Passed: 5 in favor, 2 abstained (Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Miller)

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 27, 2005.

Passed: 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Mr. Stack)

Delegations and Individuals – Kelsey Janowicz, Student Council member, reported that the Mr. Timberlane contest will be held on November 14, 2005. The Waterville Conference will be held November 12 & 13, 2005.

Fall sports programs are coming to a close. TRHS Historical Honor Society is the first high school in New Hampshire to be inducted into a National Association for Historical Honor Societies. Honor students are planning sales for the holiday season.

Current Business

Testing – Dr. Pfeifer reviewed the NHEIAP assessment results from the testing completed in May 2005. Testing results are positive; all student categories tested improved their results.

Dr. Pfeifer noted to be removed from the Schools in Need of Improvement program it is required to have two consecutive years of improved AYP results. The schools in need of improvement have planned strategies and adopted plans to improve the AYP results. Dr. Pfeifer sees a gain from this planning and feels the schools are making strides in the testing results.

Terra Nova Performance test results for grade seven and eight from the spring of 2005 were also discussed and show positive progress.

New Hampshire School Approved Standards – Mrs. Champey reviewed some changes to the NH School Approved Standards, noting policy development, length of the school day, high school curriculum, credits, graduation requirements and co-curricular programs. As well as noting each district shall strive to offer at least a half-day kindergarten program to every eligible student. A discussion ensued.

Dr. McDonald noted the Standards for Public School Approval are on the Department of Education website for review.

Second Reading Policy JFAB –Admission of Non-Resident Students– The second reading of policy code; JFAB was presented.

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

Voted: To accept the second reading of policy code: JFAB, Admission of Non-Resident Students

Passed: Unanimous

NHSBA Resolutions – Mrs. Champey reviewed the 2006 NHSBA resolutions. Resolutions 1 through 30 and number 36 were discussed and agreed upon as recommended by the TRSB. Resolutions 31 through 35 were NOT supported. If any resolutions are amended on the floor then Mrs. Champey will use her judgment to vote on the resolution keeping the best interest of the district first.

Proposed 2006-2007 Budget – The first draft of the proposed 2006-07 budget was presented to the TRSB.

Dr. McDonald welcomes via email any suggestions or recommendations concerning the proposed budget.

He noted the Teachers proposed union agreement with the district would be a separate warrant article and the last date for submittal of that information is January 10, 2006.

Facilities – Mr. Stokinger updated the Board on Facility projects. He noted schedule work, plumbing of water heaters, and work on the sprinkler system, bleacher repairs, and progress of the siding project at Sandown Central. Also discussed was the work done at Atkinson Academy for additional access by removing a few sections of fence. The Board expressed their appreciation of Mr. Stokinger and the entire maintenance team's efforts on these projects.

Administrator's Report – Dr. McDonald complimented the Crisis Response Team at Sandown North on their response this past week. The team worked well and responded appropriately to the situation. He announced the SAU Public Meeting to be held on November 15, 2005 at the SAU building at 7:30 PM. The staff will have a Professional Development Day on Thursday, November 10. Mr. Doug Rolph has arranged a visit from New Hampshire's Governor Lynch who will be at the PAC on Thursday, November 10, from 11:00 to 11:45 AM. He will be addressing educational issues. The TRSB extended their appreciation to Mr. Rolph and extended the invitation to the TRSB and residents of the towns.

Personnel Report - Dr. McDonald recommended Kevin Beaudoin as SPED Teacher at Pollard School.

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

Voted: to accept the nomination of Kevin Beaudoin

Passed: Unanimous

Dr. McDonald recommended accepting the retirement request from Daria Conklin, effective June 30, 2006 who has been with the district for 23 years.

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

Voted: To accept with regret and appreciation the retirement request of Daria Conklin

Passed: Unanimously

Committee Reports – Mrs. Kosta noted Professional Development Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8. Mrs. Withee attended the Safety Committee and Budget Workshop. Mr. Stack informed the public the next Curriculum Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at the TRMS Library. Mrs. Miller met with the Community Relations and Budget Committees. Mrs. Aubrey attended the regular and district Safety Committee meetings as well at the Elementary Transition Committee meetings. Dr. McDonald discussed a Future Planning Committee that will need to update the strategic plan, budgeting for this plan, addressing the kindergarten and facilities issues. They will need to look at air quality, curriculum and security needs, as well as identify land for expansion and demographics studies. Mrs. Champey attended the Safety Committee meetings. She informed the public that a Safety Newsletter communicating to the staff will be sent out every couple of months highlighting the committee work, results of the survey, action items, plans and timelines. Mrs. Champey noted the Safety Committee recommended the SAR position at the TRMS.

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) 9:10 PM

Passed: Unanimously

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

Voted: To come out of non-public session at 9:30 PM

Passed: Unanimous

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

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM

Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk