

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

Regular Meeting
November 15, 2007
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Roll call was taken.

Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Withee and Ms. Weston

Absent: Mr. Paone

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle	Superintendent
Charles Coker	Director of Secondary Education
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator

Approval of Minutes

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

- Voted: To approve the minutes of the November 1, 2007 regular and non-public meetings.
- Passed: Unanimous

Delegations and individuals

School Report

Ms. Weston reported the winter sports season has officially started. Some teams are practicing while others will be holding tryouts. The Timberlane Players performed "Rumors" last week with great success and the holiday show rehearsals are currently under way.

Timberlane's Peer Outreach team distributed red ribbons to students which represent smart choices students have been making in regards to dangerous substances.

First quarter grades were recently sent to parents, and a blood drive will be hosted on Friday at the high school for both staff and students.

Student Council Report

Kevin Zambrano reported the "Hooked on Leadership" conference held at Waterville Valley this past weekend was a success. The keynote speaker, Michael Smith talked about different aspects of leadership while Marquita Thomas spoke about acceptance and seeing the best in people. The next fund raiser will be a walk-a-thon to raise money for NHSPCA.

Mr. Baldwin thanked Ms, Weston and Mr. Zambrano for their reports and invited Mr. Zambrano to stay for the meeting.

Current Business

Ski Club

Mr. Rugoletti proposed an overnight trip for the Timberlane High School "Snowriders" and their families to Smuggler Notch in Vermont. The trip would begin on Friday, March 14 with a return date of Sunday, March 16. Fifty students and their families are interested enjoying this trip.

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

- **Voted:** To approve an overnight trip to Smugglers Notch for the Timberlane Ski club on March 14 to March 16, 2008.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Timberlane entrepreneurship Challenge

Mr. Brown introduced a former graduate Mitch Mencis, an active member of the community, who is a business owner as well as a soccer and basketball coach. Mr. Mencis requested the board's approval of an entrepreneurship program for the students of the TRHS. The program would encourage students to develop a business plan that could be the groundwork for a future business. The challenge is supported by previous TRSD graduates who are currently operating businesses in the area. All entries will be judged and prize monies will be awarded.

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

- **Voted:** To approve the Timberlane Entrepreneurship Challenge
- **Passed:** Seven in favor (Mr. Brown abstained)

2008-2009 Budget

Mr. Stokinger presented Draft #1 of the proposed 2008-2009 budget. He reported on staffing changes and recapped with a proposed budget of \$60,591,173. He noted the Department of Revenue Administration will reduce the amount of State Kindergarten Aid by \$76,800 due to lower enrollment figures. Despite this reduction the district is still within the budget.

Mr. La Salle commended the administrators for a fine job presenting their budget requests. The proposed budget is a good starting point. He then clarified some of the increased insurance costs due to changes in the insurance laws.

Mr. Stokinger informed the board that a new telephone vendor will unify the districts data, video and phone lines. Mr. Mascola noted that the facilities budget is a small amount in comparison to the overall budget. Mr. La Salle reported that he and Mr. Stokinger will be working to reduce the budget and will report back to the board on their progress.

A discussion ensued.

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle reported that he and Mr. Stokinger held a discussion with the budget committee on future construction projects. He reported the time has passed to prepare the necessary prep work for any construction for 2010. A feasibility study is being arranged for renovation options. Mr. La Salle noted the importance of a feasibility report with an engineering study. The elementary schools are in good shape but the campus area of the middle and high school will need a study which will address traffic flow issues. Mr. Mascola requested that the tax impact on each proposed construct project be provided to the voters.

Mr. La Salle informed the board that NHSBA has agreed to present training opportunities in the district for the board and surrounding communities. Mrs. Kosta and Mr. Baldwin volunteered to organize the training sessions with Cathy Belcher and Nancy Danahy.

Mr. Baldwin requested the board consider sending him and Mr. Paone to the 68th Annual NSBA conference in Orlando, Fl. A discussion ensued. It was decided that they would not attend the conference but consider the topics that were of interest for the training sessions offered by NHSBA.

Personnel Reports

Non-Public session

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

- **Voted:** To go into non-public session: 91A: 3.II (a) @ 8:40 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

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

- **Voted:** Agreed to come out of non-public meeting at 8:50 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

No action was taken during non-public session.

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

- **Voted:** To promote John Leary to Associate Principal at the TRHS.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Committee Reports

Mrs. Withee reported the next facilities committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th at 8:30 am may be re-scheduled because Jim Hughes will not be able to attend. Notifications will go out to all the members if that is the case. Mrs. Kosta reported that she attended the professional development and curriculum committee meetings while Mr. Mascola attended the budget committee meeting.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on their activities around the district.

Correspondence Folder - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other

Mrs. Champey noted the state is looking at the scheduling of the school calendars, specifically the start date before or after Labor Day and the results could affect the school start date of the district in the future.

Mr. Baldwin reported that High School Science Teacher Louis Broad received the NH DOE Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The awards will be presented by Commissioner Lyonel B. Tracy at a dinner celebrating Leadership in Education on December 6th. It was agreed that Mr. Brown would attend this event as school board representative. Members then commended Mr. Broad for his passion and enthusiasm for the sciences as well as his ability to engage his students.

Non-Public session

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

- **Voted:** To go into non-public session: 91A: 3.II (c, f and e) @ 9:10 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

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

- **Voted:** Agreed to come out of non-public meeting at 10:25 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

No action was taken during non-public session.

Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk