

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

Regular Meeting
November 16, 2006

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Mrs. Champey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Roll call was taken.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Luongo (7:40PM), Mrs. Miller, Mr. Paone, Ms. Weston and Mrs. Withee

Absent: None

Administrators Present

Richard LaSalle	Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Peg Ralph	Elementary Education Director
Charles Coker	Secondary Education Director
Michael Hogan	Principal of TRMS
Maria DiNola	Assistant Principal of TRHS
Nancy Hart	Principal of Danville Elementary

Eagle Scouts, Ryan Lane and Louie Saviano led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006 regular meeting with the following corrections:
 - **Previous minutes corrections.** Mrs. Zerbra to Mrs. Zerba
 - **Delegations and Individuals;** line 3 change county to country
 - **Delegations and Individuals;** page 2, line 4 change our to out
 - **Student Representative;** number 1 change will to were
 - **School Resource Officer;** line 1, change It to He
 - **Administrators' Report;** change Iran to Iraq
 - **Other Business;** change non-public session to 91a: 3.11 "C"
- **Passed:** Seven in favor
 - Two member abstained:
 - Mrs. Miller
 - Mr. Paone

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the October 19, 2006 non-public minutes
 - **Passed:** Eight in favor
 - **One member abstained;** Mr. Paone

Delegations and Individuals

Emily Weston reported that with the start of a new quarter comes new opportunities. Basketball and wrestling are slowly starting their seasons. Winter track recently sold raffle tickets with a chance to win Patriots Tickets to start off their season.

The Timberlane Players invited English classes to preview short performances of the fall production. The Junior Class spent two days participating in the NECAP testing programs, in which they were tested on mathematics, reading and writing skills.

Ms. Weston also reported student council members set the date for "Kids Night Out" for Saturday, December 16th to begin at 4PM and run until 8PM. The 1st through 5th graders will play games, make crafts, get their faces painted and take part in sports activities. The council has also started up an ongoing fundraiser called Stuff-a-Friend. Kits can be purchased to make

dolls, animals, purses and more. These kits are perfect for holiday gifts for children ages 3 and up and can be purchased at www.stuffafriend.com. Part of the profits will go towards the Student Council when the word "Timberlane" is entered in the Organization Search bar. All student council members gladly answer any questions and provide additional information regarding this topic.

Current Business

NHSBA Delegate Assembly

Mrs. Champey reported she was not able to attend the NHSBA Assembly due to unexpected work obligations. Mr. Baldwin was in training and also not able to attend. Mrs. Champey indicated she contacted Mr. Comstock asking for a report of the assembly, and she is currently awaiting a response.

Student Representative

Mrs. Champey reported that Ms. Emily Weston was chosen as Student Representative to the TRSB. The TRSB welcomed Ms. Weston.

School Resource Officer

Mrs. Champey reviewed the SRO position noting the TRSB supported the SRO position last year and the voters of Plaistow did not vote in favor. Chief Savage, Officer Marsilia, Deputy Chief Jones and Mike Hogan reported on their support of the SRO position at the TRMS. One of the points Chief Savage made was that this position would develop positive relationships between students and the SRO. Mr. Hogan noted that he would like to see the SRO involved in student meetings, luncheons, classroom instructions, health choices, and for students to develop a positive understanding of the police. Deputy Chief Jones noted that she earned trust and creditability when she taught the DARE program. These relationships assisted her when she was needed to help a child with drug and alcohol abuse issues. Officer Marsilia noted that an SRO at the TRMS would allow us to start correcting issues three years earlier before they develop into larger problems.

Mr. LaSalle noted that students age 10 tend to look outside the home to develop relationships. This is an important time to introduce police in a positive environment. Students at this age have a tendency to develop group identities; it would create a positive addition to include the SRO position in this development stage.

Mr. Baldwin noted that 3000 students and adults utilize the campus daily and currently there is only one officer present. These enrollment figures will only increase.

Mrs. Champey reported that currently Officer Marsilia is only called by the TRMS when she is needed for enforcement issues and this does not help develop the type of relationships that the board wants to encourage.

It was noted that communication to Plaistow taxpayers via press, television and discussions would be done to help the public with the understanding of the TRMS SRO position. Mrs. Withee, Mrs. Kosta and Mr. Paone volunteered to show their support by being available for discussions, questions and answers sessions, etc.

Chief Savage, Deputy Chief Jones, Officer Marsilia and Mr. Hogan agreed to be available at the Deliberative Session and the Public Hearing. Officer Marsilia also volunteered to attend any meetings to help communicate this issue.

Mrs. Champey explained that the SRO position would be a line item on the budget and the TRSB will communicate a positive message.

Eagle Scout Projects

Ryan Lane of Danville outlined a proposed Eagle Scout project for Danville Elementary School. Mr. Lane would like to construct an outside classroom area for the students. This project would consist of seven 64-inch benches secured to the ground with concrete filled sonar tubes. Mr. Ryan noted that various businesses in the area have donated materials and this project would not cost the District any monies to be installed. Mr. Brown noted this structure should be handicap accessible. Mrs. Hart reviewed the project timeline set for the spring of this year stating her support. Mrs. Ralph also noted her support of this project.

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Luongo

- **Voted:** To approve the Ryan Lane's Eagle Scout project of an outside classroom for the Danville Elementary School
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Louis Saviano proposed his Eagle Scout project for Sandown North Elementary School; he would like to fence in the hilled area in the front of the school allowing a place for students to run. This area would be handicap accessible in a 1,050-foot area. The PTA would donate monies towards this project.

Mr. Brown suggested Mrs. Georgian be consulted regarding these plans.

- **On a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Baldwin**
- **Voted:** To approve proposed project by Louis Saviano pending approval of the project by Mrs. Georgian
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Early Release Days

Mrs. Ralph reported on the Professional Development and Early Release days, noting that there has been a decrease in time that teachers are away from the classrooms. Surveys have been compiled and the response is good. All staff is utilizing the time effectively. There are some parents that are concerned due to the fact that these parents need to take time away from work to be with their children during these professional development and early release days. This can cause a hardship on the family finances. Emily Weston suggested she would propose to the student council a project to organize activities for students until parents can pick them up. She noted that parents know the student council members from other activities and the students are also familiar with the council members, which should make this activity a positive one.

Program of Studies

Maria DiNola reported on the proposed 2007-2008 Program of Studies by the Curriculum and Assessment Committee.

- **On a motion by Mrs. Kosta, second by Mr. Baldwin**
- **Voted:** To approve proposed 2007-2008 Program of Studies courses
- **Passed:** Unanimous

EEE Prevention Proposal

Mr. Jim Devine, Sandown Selectman, proposed distributing DEET for adults and lemon extract for children on District property during town-sponsored events in the prevention of the contracting EEE. The DEET and lemon extract would be given to Coaches for dissemination along with information for the prevention of contracting EEE to both adults and children attending town functions on school District fields in Sandown.

- **On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mr. Luongo**
- **Voted:** To allow the Town of Sandown to distribute information and EEE repellent of DEET for adults and lemon extract for children at town-sponsored events on District fields in Sandown
- **Passed:** Six in favor
Three opposed (Mrs. Miller, Mr. Paone and Mr. Brown)

Strategic Planning Consultant

Mrs. Withee expressed her interest in the Strategic Planning Committee to discuss short and long term planning. Mrs. Champey noted that there is money in the budget to utilize a consultant for this purpose. A consultant is being sought through the New Hampshire School Board Association. Mrs. Withee voiced her concern regarding the need for attention to the food service equipment. Mr. LaSalle encouraged the TRSB members to review the Milford School District food service program. Milford accomplishes a very good, well-balanced food program with older equipment. Mr. Stokinger suggested that some less drastic changes could be made to the food service equipment. It was decided that the search for a consultant would continue at this time.

Administrator's Report

Mr. LaSalle thanked the TRSB and the public for their response to the TRHS surveys. Mr. La Salle also reported Mr. Douglas Rolph, Principal of Sandown Central School voiced his support of the professional development and early release days noting it is an important part of school improvement.

Personnel Report

Mr. LaSalle recommended accepting the resignation of Diana Seifert SPED Case Coordinator at the TRMS

- **On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mr. Baldwin**
- **Voted:** To accept the resignation of Diane Siefert-TRMS SPED Case Coordinator
- **Passed:** Unanimous

It was also noted that Mrs. Maureen Taylor, Secretary at the TRMS has notified the District that she will be retiring after 36 years of service. Mrs. Taylor will be missed and the TRSB wished her well.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Kosta reported she attended the Professional Development Committee meeting and the Curriculum meeting in which they reviewed changes to the goals.

Mrs. Withee attended the facilities meeting where Mr. Hughes gave a presentation of proposed Facilities projects and their justification. Mr. Stokinger noted projects that need to be completed for the SAU office. Testing of the water is continuing at Pollard Elementary and Atkinson Academy. It was noted that responses from the state have not yet been received regarding this issue. The Energy Committee is scheduled to meet in January of 2007. Mrs. Champey would like to see inefficient appliances evaluated and replaced (if necessary) with energy efficient ones. Mr. Hughes reported on his proposed security plan for all schools by securing doors and installing teller-style windows. It was noted that Heidi Webster supports recycling and would like to support the District in its recycling efforts.

Mrs. Aubrey attended the Elementary Transition Committee noting Move Up Day for 5th graders to 6th will be June 1, 2007, and the committee is incorporating distance learning in their transitions.

Mr. Brown attended the Budget Committee meeting and noted the committee is frustrated with their limited control of the budget. He also noted they took an informal vote and the consensus is to support Kindergarten.

Mr. LaSalle discussed his understanding of the Budget Committees' frustration and will present information in different ways to relieve some of it.

Mrs. Withee reported on District ventilation problems that were not previously addressed during the construction project. The building fund will be closed out with approximately \$451,000 available to address the ventilation issues in the District (excluding the TRHS). Mr. Hughes (HVAC expert) proposed a method to upgrade the ventilation systems in certain schools. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Paone requested a report in January and May reflecting the amounts budgeted; amount spent year-to-date noting all accounts with account numbers. At the next meeting it was requested that Mr. Hughes and Dr. McDonald document the ventilation projects proposed.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on their attendance at school activities. Mrs. Miller reported that she would be relocating with her family to Tennessee; the next meeting on December 7th will be her last meeting.

Correspondence Folder - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Reviewed

Other Business -Non-Public at 10:05 PM

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

Voted: To go into non-public session: 91A: 3.II c

Passed: Unanimous

No action was taken during non-public session

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

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 10:38 PM

Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk