

Timberlane Regional School Board

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
September 18, 2008

SAU55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

At the office of SAU 55, William Baldwin, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call

In attendance: Lori Aubrey, William Baldwin (Chair), Stephen Brown (Vice-Chair), Arlene Champey, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Kosta, Michael Mascola, John Paone, Lisa Withee and Joseph Delfino (Student Representative).

Absent: None

Administrators in attendance:

Mr. La Salle Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Coker Director of Secondary Education

Mr. Woodworth Principal of TRHS

Mr. Leary Associate Principal TRHS

Mr. Strainge School Improvement Facilitator – Humanities, TRHS

William Baldwin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion: Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Withee to**
- Accept the minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board with corrections.
With no further discussion the motion passed seven in favor, two abstentions (Mrs. Kosta and Mr. Baldwin)

Delegations or Individuals

Joseph Delfino, student representative to the TRSB reported students seem to be successfully transitioning to their new classes and are looking forward to Spirit week. He also reported the football team won their competition with Dover on Friday with Derek Furey rushing 340 yards. He also noted the golf team won their last competition with Salem.

Current Business

NEASC

Mr. Woodworth introduced Mr. Leary and Mr. Strainge, co-chairs to the NEASC committee. Mr. Leary reported the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation program is a threefold process that includes a self-evaluation conducted by the school staff, an on-site evaluation conducted by the Commission's visiting committee, and a follow-up program carried out by the school.

With the self and on-site evaluations completed Mr. Woodworth outlined the report which considers seven standards with commendations and recommendations for each. The seven standards are mission/expectations, curriculum, instruction, assessment, leadership and organization, and school and community resources for learning. The report is available at the town libraries and the executive summary will be on the website.

Mr. Strainge reviewed the commendations and recommendations for each standard. He noted which recommendations were currently being worked on and ones that are scheduled to be done in the future. Of the total of forty-five recommendations, thirty are currently being worked on and fifteen will be addressed in the near future. Mrs. Withee and Mr. Paone inquired about the CCP (college and career prep) and AC (accelerated) classes and how they compared to each other. Mr. Strainge clarified that the focus is on instruction, the best practices to teach students how they learn, and that all students needs to strive in all classes.

The board inquired what tools are offered to assist the staff in learning new teaching methods. Mr. Leary reported that mentoring and supervisory methods are used as well as the professional learning communities. Professional development time is also dedicated to help teachers learn new methods. Mr. La Salle reported on the "Power Walk Through" which is an evaluation tool that provides data that can be compiled into statistical information that assists the teachers in taking the steps to achieve a higher level of teaching.

Mr. Brown congratulated the team for their report and noted that NEASC was invited to scrutinize the organization resulting in limited items being recommended for change. The team agreed to report again on this matter when the recommendations are incorporated into their infrastructure.

Mr. Delfino expressed his concern that the 6+1 Rubric, which is discussed in the report, is not accessible to students. Mr. Leary will discuss the distribution of the 6+1 Rubric with the English Teachers and students will receive a paper copy. Mrs. Kosta was able to show that the 6+1 Rubric is on the website for students and public viewing.

Mr. Baldwin expressed his excitement regarding all the positive changes that have been occurring throughout the district. He commended the administration and staff. He asked the public to read the report on the website and that the forum for their questions would be Principal's Night at the high school.

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle thanked the team for their report and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Woodworth who is willing to confront the brutal facts of the reports's recommendations which speaks to intelligence and his courageous spirit.

Mr. La Salle iterated that the upcoming budget sessions will provide consistent budgetary information for the board and budget committee. The board was presented with a tentative draft of the 2009-10 school year budget schedule.

Personnel Report

None

Committee/TRSB Member Reports

Mr. Mascola reported there was a short budget meeting after the facilities tour of the middle and high schools. He also attended the committee chair meeting and the Atkinson Selectman's meeting. He invited the public to attend the budget sessions to be held on October 9th and 23th. The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 8:30 AM at the SAU office. He inquired if the locker situation at the high school had been resolved.

Mrs. Kosta was able to report that Mr. Hughes has indicated the lockers are operational. She reported the curriculum committee will meet on Thursday, October 8th, and the professional development committee is scheduled for October 7th.

Mrs. Withee attended the committee chair informational and wellness committee meetings. She attended the facilities meeting and campus tours at the middle and high schools. The next facilities tours are scheduled on September 25th at 6:30 pm starting at Danville Elementary and then onto Sandown North, with the tour scheduled for Friday, October 23rd at 9AM beginning at the Pollard school followed by Atkinson Academy.

Mrs. Aubrey attended the facilities meeting and tour as well. Mr. Brown also attended the facilities tour as well as the curriculum and the negotiation committee meetings.

Mrs. Champey attended the tours and the policy committee meetings.

Mr. Collins attended the curriculum committee meeting.

Other

Mr. Mascola asked the board to review policy KF-R (use of faculties-guidelines and procedures). He continued that he was approached by a resident who was concerned about the towns having to pay for the use of the facilities. Mr. La Salle clarified that when any of the four towns that comprise the Timberlane

Regional District use the facilities they are only charged for additional personnel. They are not charged for the rental of the facilities.

Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Danahy
TRSB Clerk