

Timberlane Regional School Board
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
March 6, 2008, 7:00 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

At 7:00 PM, Chairman William Baldwin called the March 6, 2008 regular meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order.

Present: Lori Aubrey, William Baldwin, Stephen Brown, Arlene Champey, Elizabeth Kosta, William Luongo, Michael Mascola, John Paone, Lisa Withee and Emily Weston.

Absent: None

Other Administrators present:

Richard La Salle, Superintendent
Peg Ralph, Director of Elementary Education
Charles Coker, Director of Secondary Education
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Kathy Smith, Assistant Business Administrator
Nancy Hart, Principal of Danville elementary
Barry Chooljian, Director of Guidance
Donald Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Edwina Lovett, Director of Pupil Personnel
Beth Rincon, Assistant Director, Pupil Personnel
Barbara Hopkins, School Improvement Facilitator

Mr. Luongo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Michael Mascola made a motion, seconded by Stephen Brown to
- Accept the minutes of the February 21, 2008 regular meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board with the listed changes:
 - Page two, first paragraph change finalize to finalist and named scholarship for to, names 28 TRHS..... scholar athletes.
- **Passed:** Eight in favor and two abstentions (William Luongo and Emily Weston)

Delegations and individuals

School Report

Emily Weston reported that grades are closed for progress reports and the students are working on second semester grades. The winter sports season has ended with the Timberlane Varsity wrestling team winning the Division 1 State Champion title. Students enjoyed the Hawaiian storytelling presentation at the PAC. The Timberlane Players are rehearsing two shows, Inherit the Wind which will premiere March 20th and My Fair Lady, running May 8th through May 10th.

Student Council Report

Kevin Zambrano reported twelve student council members attended the LEAD Conference in Chicago. A fund raiser called Valentine Dating was a success; another Kids-Day-In is scheduled for April 9th. Other upcoming funds raisers are Prom Dress Drive, and Big Buddy, Little Buddy at Danville Elementary.

Current Business

Chairman William Baldwin thanked William Luongo for his years of dedicated service to the district and communities.

Mr. Luongo has served four terms on the Timberlane Regional School Board (1996-2008) representing the town of Danville. He will be retiring from this position at the completion of his current term which expires March 2008. He will have served a total of 12 years.

Each board member extended their appreciation to Mr. Luongo for his years of service to the students, community and district. In appreciation he was then presented with a plaque from the school board members and a chair from the district.

Robotics Team

Suzanne Hartman requested the board's approval for the Robotics' team to spend the night in Boston for the Regional Event.

- **Motion: Lori Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Kosta**
 - To approve the request of the Robotics' team to spend one over night in Boston to attend the Regional Event.
- **Passed: Unanimous**

Guidance Curriculum

Nancy Stafford, Barry Chooljian and Patricia Fanning presented the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Curriculum for approval. The curriculum was approved by the curriculum committee and applies to kindergarten to grade 12.

- **Motion: Elizabeth Kosta made a motion, seconded by Stephen Brown**
 - To approve the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Curriculum.
- **Passed: Unanimous**

TRHS Mathematics Core Curriculum

Barbara Hopkins and William Vickers presented the Mathematics Core Curriculum for the board's review. Highlights of the curriculum included the integrated program alignment of algebra 1, parts 1 and 2 with geometry and the process for real world problem-solving skills connecting to technology and statistics.

Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Vickers then reported on NovaNet, a computer based program to assist students who are in need of help. NovaNet provides tutorials with immediate feed back and support of the current curriculum. Mrs. Hopkins reported that students can access the program from school, library or home. This is a pilot program where the progress of the students is currently being tracked.

The board requested a demonstration of NovaNet at a future meeting. The board also requested the TRHS Mathematics Core Curriculum be continued to the next meeting, as further review is warranted.

NECAP Scores

Peg Ralph reported the results of the NECAP testing. The overall results reflect district progress. Teachers have been reviewing the results. Mrs. Ralph indicated Every Day Math includes a strong reading component which contributes to the reading progress.

A discuss ensued.

Chuck Coker reviewed the results of the high school NECAP testing. He reported the "brutal facts" that grade 6 reading scores were positive; however, grades 7 and 11 were flat or below state average. Grade 11 was below state average in reading, math and writing with significant achievement gaps in IEP, SES and male students.

Mr. Coker continued explaining that the high school curriculum is being designed to align with the state framework and national standards. Writing models, three tier modeling for reading, a math consultant and thoughts about block scheduling are all under consideration. A discussion ensued.

Mr. La Salle reported that a Title IIA Competitive Grant for approximately \$80,000 was granted to the district and the necessary technology will be put in place. He stated that the district is creating a learning environment where students come to school as highly motivated, willing workers. The goal is to create an atmosphere of learning that is exciting to all students. He expounded on the motivation for students with rigor, relevance and personalization with challenges and interest. Block scheduling was discussed for the high school.

Policies

Twenty-three policies were presented for review. Due to time constraints, the board rescheduled their first readings to April 3, 2008.

Calendar

The first draft of the proposed 2008-2009 school year calendar was discussed. Noted election days to be considered are March 10th town elections, September 9th Senate and the November 4th national election. The board requested early release days be spread out so they do not fall on the same days of the week two months in a row.

TRHS Construction Project

George Stokinger provided an update on the TRHS construction project; noting Harvey Construction, the construction management company, has agreed to meet with the architect, Leveille-Brensinger on March 17, 2008. They expect to have a full estimated budget at this meeting.

NHMA/NHRS

The board discussed the invitation to litigation relative to the shoring up the destabilization of the NH Retirement System.

District Retirees

Mr. La Salle reported that the school board each year presents a bank gift card to each district retiree. Last Year the amount was \$75.00 each plus a \$4 bank charge. He inquired if the board wished to do the same this year for an estimated cost of \$1,659.00.

- **Motion: Arlene Champey made a motion, seconded by Stephen Brown**
 - To purchase the gift cards for the 2007-2008 retirees for \$75.00 each plus bank charges.

- **Passed: Unanimous**

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle reported that the girl's basketball team won as did the hockey and wrestling teams. A large crowd attended the Pops at the PAC which certainly exceeded their expectations.

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignation requests of Dwight Wilder - TRHS, Assistant Principal Evening Division (12 yrs with district)

- **Motion: Stephen Brown made a motion, seconded by Arlene Champey**
 - To accept with regret the resignation request of Dwight Wilder
- **Passed: Unanimous**

Committee Reports -

Mrs. Kosta reported the Curriculum committee will meet on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Withee reported that the Facilities Committee will meet on March 18th at 8:30 AM. Mr. Baldwin noted that the committee to recruit the next Athletic Directors will meet on March 18th at 5PM.

Reports of the School Board

The board members reported district activities they attended.

Correspondence - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Other

Mr. La Salle noted the School Board Association scheduled a training session for the school board members on May 8 and 15th. Since one is a school board meeting night the suggestion was made that one board member should attend and pass the knowledge to the other members.

Peg Ralph and Charles Coker informed the board Title II monies are available and they will be used to observe teachers in the classroom via electronic tools. Administrators will be issued laptops and PDA's for this purpose and software training will be shortly. These tools will be operational June of 2008.

- **Motion: Lori Aubrey made a motion, seconded by Arlene Champey**
 - Permission to make technology purchase based on three quotes not on competitive bidding process.
- **Passed: Unanimous**

Non-Public session

On a motion by Arlene Champey, second by Lori Aubrey

- **Voted:** To go into non-public session: 91A: 3.II (b) and (c) @ 11:00 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

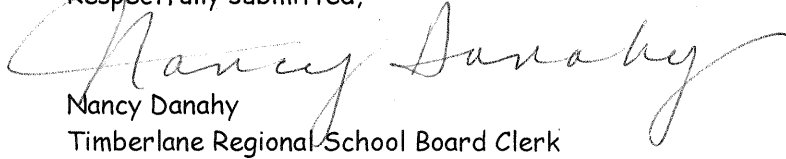
On a motion by Lori Aubrey, second by Michael Mascola

- **Voted:** To come out of the non-public session @ 11:58 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

No action was taken in non-public session

Having no additional business before the board, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 11:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy Danahy
Timberlane Regional School Board Clerk