

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

Regular Meeting
December 20, 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. Baldwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee

Absent: Mr. Brown and Ms. Weston

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle	Superintendent
Winfried Feneberg	Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator

Approval of Minutes

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

- Voted: To approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 regular meeting.
- Passed: Seven in Favor, one abstention (Mrs. Aubrey)

Delegations and individuals-None

Current Business

2008-2009 Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles

Mr. Stokinger presented the fifth draft of the 08-09 proposed budget. He showed the difference from the first proposed budget for 2008-09 of \$60,591,174 to the final draft of \$59,464,070 which is a 4.99% increase from the 2007-2008 budget. He noted the proposed fifth draft of the budget has been distributed to the Budget Committee and that the 12/13/07 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Mr. La Salle noted the proposed increase is the second lowest increase over the previous seven years. The budget also allows for improvements and supports the district's forward momentum. The board continued their discussion focusing on the 08-09 proposed warrant. They reviewed the proposed operating budget and appropriation of up to \$100,000 to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve fund as well as the second phase of the upgrade for the TRHS technology education area appropriating up to \$500,000 for renovations and upgrades. A discussion ensued.

Article five proposing renovations to upgrade the TRMS special education space was noted. The discussion continued with article six which proposes raising and appropriating funds for a Safety Resource Officer at the TRMS. Mr. Paone opined that he does not support the SRO position. Mrs. Withee and Mrs. Kosta both expressed their support of the SRO position and further noted they have discussed the matter with Chief Savage of the Plaistow Police Department. The board agreed that a small committee should be developed should the article pass to define the responsibilities and expectations of the SRO positions at the middle and high schools. Mr. Baldwin reaffirmed his support of the SRO position and forming the committee. A discussion ensued.

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 1 - Election of Officers (March 11th only) as written for the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 2 - Operating Budget as written for the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 3 - Capital Reserve Fund as written for the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 4 - High School Technology Education Area (phase 2) to be removed from the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 5 - Special Education Space Upgrade for Specialized Middle School Program with the following changes for the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
 - Add: The funds for the article come from the Capital Reserve Fund, not from additional taxes.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 6 - School Resource Officer with changes to be determined by the administration as they continue to work on this article for the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Seven in favor, one opposed (Mr. Paone)

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

- **Voted:** To approve article 7 - General Acceptance of Reports as written for the 2008 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve as written for the proposed 2008 Timberlane Regional School District budget.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle reported a "Presidential Town Hall Meeting" was held at the PAC on December, 2nd in which representatives of the presidential candidates answered questions in a town meeting forum. Low attendance plagued this event whereas, no candidates', only representatives of the candidates were in attendance. Due to the low turnout Mr. La Salle agreed to waive fees. He then noted that TRHS science teacher Mr. Rugoletti has been notified that the TRHS science department has been accepted to participate in the NASA Project which is a student experiment involving the vibration of a guitar soundboard for inclusion on upcoming flights of NASA's reduced gravity aircraft.

Personnel Reports

Mr. Feneberg reported on the changes to the NHRS retirement benefits. These changes, calculations of the average final compensation and the medical subsidy removal, are incentives for long time employees to retire. To date there have been a total of 18 retirement letters received for June 2008 retirement. A job fair in March has been scheduled and recruiting will begin in the spring and continue through the summer months to replace the teachers and employees who are expected to retire.

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting the following retirements with great regret.

Administration

Ralph, Margaret - Director of Elementary Education (30 yrs with District)
Tardif, Dennis (Bucky) - Director of Athletics (23 yrs with District)

Professional

Allen, Mady Jo - Sandown North Gr. 2 - (30 yrs with District)
Bigelow, Elizabeth - TRHS Business Ed (36 yrs with District)
Hanscome, Anthony - TRHS Social Studies (29 yrs with District)
Herdt, Patricia - Pollard Gr 5 (25 yrs with District)
Lander, Susan - Pollard Gr 5 (36 yrs with District)
Losee, Linda - TRHS Spanish (11 yrs with District)
Marino, Marsha - TRMS Gr 8 Social Studies (24 yrs with District)
Pariseau, Michael - TRHS Physical Education (15 yrs with District)
Platt, Maureen - Sandown North Reading Consultant (20 yrs with District)

Other:

Mangion, Paul - TRMS Technology Specialist (10 yrs with District)

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

- **Voted:** To accept with great regret the retirement request of Margaret Ralph, Director of Elementary Education.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To accept with great regret the retirement request of Dennis Tardif, Director of Athletics.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To accept with regret the retirement requests of:
Allen, Mady Jo - Sandown North Gr. 2 - (30 yrs with District)
Bigelow, Elizabeth - TRHS Business Ed (36 yrs with District)
Hanscome, Anthony - TRHS Social Studies (29 yrs with District)
Herdt, Patricia - Pollard Gr 5 (25 yrs with District)
Lander, Susan - Pollard Gr 5 (36 yrs with District)
Losee, Linda - TRHS Spanish (11 yrs with District)
Marino, Marsha - TRMS Gr 8 Social Studies (24 yrs with District)
Pariseau, Michael - TRHS Physical Education (15 yrs with District)
Platt, Maureen - Sandown North Reading Consultant (20 yrs with District)
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To accept with regret the retirement request of Paul Mangion, TRMS Technology Specialist
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Committee Reports

Mrs. Withee reported an agreement has been reached to purchase natural gas from a 3rd party vendor as part of the district's energy savings plan. The buildings that will benefit from this agreement are Pollard, TRMS, TRHS and the SAU office. The facilities committee meeting has been re-scheduled from January 8 to January 15th because of the primary voting schedule.

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

Correspondence Folder - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Done

Non-Public session

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

- **Voted:** To go into non-public session: 91A: 3.II (c,) @ 9:00 pm
- **Passed:** Unanimous roll call

No action was taken in non-public session

With no further business before the board, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 9:10 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
School Board Clerk