

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

Regular Meeting
November 2, 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), and Mrs. Withee

Absent: Mrs. Miller and Mr. Paone

Administrators Present

Dr. McDonald	Superintendent
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Peg Ralph	Elementary Education Director
Charles Coker	Secondary Education Director

Ms. Emily Weston, student council representative led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the October 19, 2006 regular meeting with the following corrections:
 - **Delegations & Individuals**, 2nd sentence, change: power to powder.
 - **Delegations & Individuals**, 2nd paragraph, change girl to girls' soccer.
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the October 12, 2006 joint budget meeting with the following corrections:
 - **Change;** Mrs. Zebra to Mrs. Zerba
- **Passed:** Unanimous

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the October 26, 2006 joint budget meeting with the following corrections:
 - **Change;** Mrs. Zebra to Mrs. Zerba
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Delegations and Individuals

Emily Weston reported that the first quarter of the school year is finally coming to a close. Kids are scrambling to get those last few missing assignments in, and teachers rush to get the grades into Power School successfully. Congratulations to the soccer, field hockey, volleyball, and cross country teams for another successful season of athletics at Timberlane. The cast of the Holiday Show has been picked as well, and will start rehearsing soon. "You Can't Take it With You" put on by the Timberlane Players, will premier in mid November.

Last week, the juniors and seniors at Timberlane had the pleasure of attending a ceremony for a Timberlane Graduate who has returned home from the Marines. Ryan Clark, who was injured in Iraq, returned home to a building full of people all honoring his service. Organizations from surrounding area, as well as the Governor, Senator Sununu, the Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, the president of the New Hampshire Senate, and many others all joined us in welcoming home a former student and friend. Timberlane couldn't be prouder of its graduates who are serving our country in the service.

Ms. Weston also reported Tuesday night, student council members were found all over the streets of Danville, but they weren't holding bags of candy. The students went door-to-door collecting canned goods and non-perishable items from residents who were willing to donate. The items are now being distributed to the surrounding towns and organizations that can put them to good use. The students hope to have another successful Trick or Can next year, and thanked all those who helped them to help

others this year. Student Council is currently planning a "Kids Night Out" to take place in December. Elementary-aged children are invited to spend the night with other kids their own age, taking part in arts and crafts, sports, board games, and other fun activities. Student Council members will leave for Waterville Valley at 7AM on Thursday, November 9th and are hoping to return with new ideas, new friends and a stronger bond within the council. The council is working out details regarding the LEAD conference in February, which will be held in St. Louis. The council would like to introduce the new Public Relations officer, Danielle Dalton, to the communities.

Current Business

NHSBA Delegate Assembly

Mrs. Champey queried the board on the NHSBA proposed resolutions for 2007. Mrs. Champey and Mr. Baldwin will represent the TRSB at the Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 4th.

School Funding	Resolutions 1, 2 and 3	Recommended by the TRSB
State Aid to Education	Resolutions 4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10	Recommended by the TRSB
Health Care	Resolution 11	Recommended by the TRSB
Local Control	Resolutions 12,13 and 14	Recommended by the TRSB
PELRB	Resolution 15	Recommended by the TRSB
School Safety	Resolutions 16 and 17	Recommended by the TRSB
State Board of Education	Resolutions 18 through 29	Recommended by the TRSB
Federal Legislation	Resolutions 30 and 31	Recommended by the TRSB
No Child Left Behind	Resolution 32	Recommended by the TRSB

Proposed Resolutions for 2007: *Mrs. Champey and Mr. Baldwin will follow the recommendations, if changes occur they will use their judgment to best represent the TRSB.*

Resolutions 33 through 42	Not Recommended by the TRSB
Resolutions 43, 44 and 45	Recommended by the TRSB

Budget

Dr. McDonald reported the insurance guaranteed rate maximum came in lower than expected at 6.7%. Last year the rate came in lower than the guaranteed rate maximum so we can flat fund the insurance line item. He also noted utilization of existing resources will allow for the hiring of one Spanish and one Mathematics Teacher with Project Lead The Way teacher included in the new math teacher position. Dr. McDonald informed the board that Kathy Smith, Assistant Business Administrator and himself reviewed each salary line and found some minor adjustments.

Mr. Stokinger reviewed the utility line items and was able to reduce natural gas, electricity, and fuel oil due to the district's energy savings plan and the reduced cost of energy. The enrollment figures for Atkinson Academy and Sandown North have been verified and adjusted. Currently the budget is at \$56,712,091.20, which is a 4.9% increase over the 2006-2007 budget, but Dr. McDonald is still looking to make some cuts.

Mrs. Champey inquired regarding the previously discussed food service improvement project. Mr. Stokinger will check with Mr. Woodworth and Mrs. Wolf and report back to the board.

Student Representative

Mr. Leary has organized the search for a student representative to the TRSB noting:

1. The responsibilities of the position were posted on Thursday, October 26th.
2. Application forms will be available in the Assistant Principals' office.
3. Applications are due by Friday, November 3rd.
4. A five-member committee of student leaders (3) and teacher advisors (2) will select the representative based on a review of the applications and possible interviews.
5. To designate the representative by Wednesday, November 8th.

School Resource Officer

Dr. McDonald would like to invite Police Chief Savage to the next board meeting. He stated that the TRMS SRO position is very important and we need to look at protection aspect and also the educational aspect of the SRO position. Mr. Baldwin noted that SRO's are trained to help children make good decisions and are trained for age appropriate responses. The campus has 3000 students and adults each day and only one police officer. It is a proactive position that he feels needs to be in place now.

Kindergarten

Dr. McDonald reported that Mr. Charles Balanoff asked the joint budget committee if we could institute Kindergarten without raising taxes. Peg Ralph took this goal and reviewed all the data. She was able to provide a plan that will institute Kindergarten without any immediate tax impact. She proposed 4.5 teachers, 5 educational assistants, level funding of supplies, no separate buses for kindergarten, and equipment total of \$12,700 equals a total cost of \$352,800. The state aide of \$1,200 per student would offset a warrant article of \$352,800.

The changes needed at Atkinson Academy would be accomplished by a separate warrant article looking to offset that cost by 75% of the monies coming from the state, and the remaining monies from the capital reserve fund. Mrs. Ralph stated that this is in the best interest of the children. She also reported that by instituting kindergarten she believes that it will reduce special educational costs by early intervention. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Brown stated he believes that the voters have turned down kindergarten six times in seven years and that should be the end of it. He would like to see administrators cut from the budget to show the public that the district is serious about cost control. Dr. McDonald explained that administrators have been cut with the continued re-organization that has taken place in the past couple of years. Dr. McDonald reiterated that this is the third largest SAU in the state with the leanest staff to run this 54 million dollar "company" and our costs per student is below the state average. Mrs. Champey noted the district's continued diligence on saving monies for the district by instituting programs to save monies, which have been successful. She gave examples of the energy plan and Mr. Hughes summer program to close the district on Fridays that was extremely successful by again saving the district money.

Dr. McDonald noted all personnel work at keeping the budget down because we all know that it affects all the taxpayers.

Mrs. Ralph reiterated that this proposal would have zero impact on the taxpayers. Mr. Baldwin stated the importance of effectively communicating this proposal to all the residents.

Policy GCCBC - Family Medical Leave Act

This is the first reading of a change to policy GCCBC-Family Medical Leave Act. It is requested to change the 12-week time frame from, "during any twelve (12) month period to per school year (July 1 to June 30)."

- **On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mrs. Kosta**
 - **Voted:** To accept first reading of change to policy GCCBC from *during any twelve (12) month period to per school year (July 1 to June 30)*.
- **Passed:** Six in favor, one not present (Mr. Brown)

Voice and Data Communications

In conjunction with SERESC Mr. Stokinger proposed a contact with PAETEC Communications for an upgrade of the voice and data telecommunication services. This proposal provides the opportunity to update technology, increase capacity and expand internet access. It will also provide the basis for expanded long-term technology goals and cost savings. Mr. Stokinger proposed to start the contract on January 1, 2007. The current contract will expire on December 31, 2006 and the other contracts are month to month.

- **On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mrs. Withee**
 - **Voted:** To recommend the four year data & voice communication contract with PAETEC
- **Passed:** Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Dr. McDonald thanked Norman Major as he was an important part of the arrangements for the Ryan Clark presentation at the Performing Arts Center. Ryan Clark is a former Timberlane student that has returned home from Iraq after being injured.

Personnel Report

None

Committee Reports

Mrs. Aubrey reported that she attended the community and district safety committee meetings.

Mrs. Withee noted the next facilities committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th and she attended the Safety meetings also.

Mrs. Kosta reported the next scheduled Curriculum & Assessment committee meeting is November 8th, at 6:30 PM at TRMS library.

Mrs. Champey reported that the district and community safety meetings were well attended. The safety committee voted in favor of Mr. Hughes' plan to re-direct monies that was for the security plan at the TRMS to securing all of the district schools. This would mean that all schools would have a secure front entrance and secure locks.

- **On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, second by Mrs. Aubrey**
 - Voted: To recommend a change in the security program from the TRMS only to all schools in the district to install secure locks and secure the front entrances.
- **Passed: Unanimous**

Mrs. Champey noted her appreciation of all the work Mr. Hughes has accomplished for the district as well as his suggestions and district wide proposals.

Mr. Stokinger reported on the AlertNow Program, which had a successful test on October 17th. Mr. Stokinger thanked all the secretaries for their hard work in cleaning the data in the Power School system, which was downloaded in the AlertNow program. The AlertNow program ran 15,000 phone calls in 40 minutes including re-tries. It was utilized on Friday October 20th for an update of the power outage experienced by the district.

Mrs. Champey also reported the bus radio's from Laidlaw should be available to Sandy Hodgkin's for testing. It was noted that Sandown and Danville might need a base station to communicate on these radios. The sports teams and band buses need to make arrangements to be sure no equipment blocks any of the bus windows or doors. Mrs. Hodgkin will observe these buses. It was also noted the audio on the camera systems in the buses were restored. Mrs. Champey noted communication on pandemic, EEE and West Nile is on the Plaistow website. All the communities have worked together and it is a clear indication that we can all work together to accomplish our goals.

Reports of School Board - Board members reported on their attendance at school activities.

Correspondence Folder - None

Vendor and Payroll Registers - Reviewed

Other Business -

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

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 Mr. Aubrey, second by Mrs. Withee

Voted: To approve the enrollment of the children of Curtis and Nicole Sweet to attend the Danville Elementary School for their elementary years of education.

Passed: Unanimous

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

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM

Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk