

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

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2004

SAU No. 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Brayall, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Paone, Mr. Stack,
Mrs. Withee, Dr. McDonald

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Mrs. Champey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM, roll call was taken. Student Council members, Meghan Deyermond and Lynette Boutin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the October 7, 2004

Passed: 7 in favor, 1 abstention (Mr. Baldwin)

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council – Meghan Deyermond and Lynette Boutin reported on the school and council activities including the scores of the school athletics, *Midsummer Night's Dream* tickets which are on sale at the Performing Arts Center appearing October 28 to 30, 2004. Spirit week included costume and mismatch days as well as a prep rally, dance and lip sync contest. Sandown conference was a success, it was about team work and unity. *Friday Night Lights* scheduled for November 7th, *Kids Night Out* is scheduled for December 3rd.

Current Business

Superintendent was tied up in traffic returning from a SERESC meeting, Douglas Rolph, Principal at the Sandown Central School agreed to sit in place of Dr, McDonald until he arrives. (*Dr. McDonald arrived at 7:55pm*)

a. **Kindergarten** – Due to illness this item will be tabled and scheduled for the next agenda.

b. **Terra Nova** – Due to illness this item will be tabled and scheduled for the next agenda.

c. **Transition Committee** – Douglas Rolph, Sandown Central School Principal would like to thank and acknowledged the members of the transition committee:

Lori Aubrey	Jackie Oros	Gil Johanson	Ann McSweeney
Kathy Dayotis	Nancy Hart	Arlene Champey	MaryBeth DiToro
Louise Janell	Diane LaRose	Lisa Mahoney	Susan Culver
Nancy Stafford	Jan Karowski	Kathy Fowler	Amy LaBelle
Cathy Riley	Sharon Joyce	Lisa Wheller	Linda Janvrin
Gloria Caron	Elisabeth Gustavson		

Mr. Rolph discussed the goals of the committee which are to continue to update the district website as well as develop meet and greet programs. The committee developed a meet and greet program for third graders from Sandown North that for the first time were attending Sandown Central. The program arranged for the parents and students to

meet the teachers and staff as well as become orientated with the Sandown Central building.

The committee developed checklists, signature forms for transferring students to and from schools to assist in transitions. Fourth graders created, wrote, edited and designed a magazine to help incoming third graders with their transition. From third to ninth grade the committee has assisted students in their transitions.

Leslie Leahy, Assist Principal with the Middle School thanked the following committee members:

Barry Chooljian	Pat Fanning	Pat Hodgkins	Gil Johanson
John Leary	Don Woodworth	Chris O'Callahan	Susan Ziemba

Ms. Leahy then discussed the surveys that were completed by the freshman class. Only a few questions were altered from the previous survey so this was a good opportunity for a cross comparison. Mrs. Hall has heard good things from parents on the transition program. Mr. Stack echoed the same sentiments and thanked the committee for their efforts. Mrs. Champey congratulated the committee for their focus on students and teachers in this process.

- d. **Attendance Policy** – Donald Woodworth, Assistant Principal at the High School discussed the attendance policy, which he feels is strict, fair and adds needed safe guards. Mr. Brayall inquiry as to why excusable absents were included in the total accountable days. Mr. Brayall and Mr. Luongo feel that excused absents should be excluded from total accountable days. Mr. Woodworth discussed the appeal process, documentation, changing attendance patterns, grades, and communication opportunities with parents and students as well as consequences. Mrs. Aubrey and Mr. Stack stressed the importance of accountability of the students. Mrs. Withee addressed the issues that are noted by some parents stating that we do not want children to come to school sick but attend school when they are not sick. Mr. Baldwin expressed concern that students were not eligible to make up the lost credits in summer school. Dr. McDonald clarified the point that if you failed the course and miss 25% of the time in class then you would not be able to make up the credits in summer school.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded Mr. Stack

Voted: To forward the attendance policy as a second reading and invite Mr. Charles Coker to review this policy at the end of the year.

Passed: 5 in favor, 3 abstained (Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brayall and Mr. Luongo)

First Reading – Bullying Policy JICBB – This is the information we shared at the meeting on October 7, 2004 and now put it on the agenda for a first reading.

Suggested corrections:

- (a) JICBB: 2: line 8 Abuse
- (b) JICBB: 3: line 7 insert "The Superintendent *or his/her designee* shall also"
- (c) JICBB: 6, line 8, change Stephen Berwick to position **title**
- (d) JICBB: 7: line 7 insert policy code

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

Voted: To accept policy code: JICBB as first reading with suggested corrections (a) through (d).

Passed: unanimous

- e. **Facilities** –Kitchen flooring at Sandown North was discussed, Mrs. Hall requested Peter Taylor, Director of Facilities obtain two more price quotes for the floor repairs at Sandown North by Monday, October 25, 2004. Middle School the covered entry the drains to divert the water away from the sidewalk may have to wait until spring. Middle School counter tops scheduled for November. Aerco will have an engineer here for two days next week for the final startup at the High school. The High School transformers are tentatively planned for Thanksgiving weekend. Mr. Taylor has proposed monies in the 05-06 Budget for the issues concerns the girls' lockers at the Middle School. Danville boiler failure today, water was shut down, repairs made and water is now back on line. Dr. McDonald discussed some changes that may happen with state funding of renovation projects. Ventilation project was discussed Mr. Luongo requested Mr. Taylor communicate the reasons for the window replacement at the high school in relation to the ventilation project.

Administrator's Report – Sen. John Sununu, Jolinda LaClair, State Director of USDA Rural Development for VT/NH, Hilda Gay Legg, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service and Fred Bramante, Chairman, State Board of Education presented Dr. McDonald with a facsimile of the RUS/DLT Grant funds in the amount of \$496,996.

Dr. McDonald also noted that the dues at the SERESC has not changed in the past 19 years, it is still \$3.60 per student. He also discussed the exciting projects the SERESC group is taking part in as well as their growing numbers.

Dr. McDonald noted that Dr. Pfeifer was honored to be elected to the commission of Public Elementary School.

Personnel Report – Dr. McDonald recognized Richard Fugere, Assistant Superintendent for his 29 years of service as an educator in the Timberlane, Hampstead and SAU and what an outstanding addition he has been to the SAU.

Notification of Margaret Wilhelm who is hired as a one-on-one Nurse for the TRHS.

Committee Report –

Curriculum – PE Health presentation from Mr. Tardif and a one from Mr. DiBartolomeo regarding the music curriculum, they also discussed kindergarten.

Facilities – Mrs. Hall confirmed the next facilities meeting at the SAU on Monday, 10/25 at 9:30AM.

Technology - Mr. Luongo wanted to note that the distance learning is a good system.

Safety -The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at 9:30AM.

Math - Mrs. Champey the committee will work on implementing changes to the Math program.

Future Dates

October 25 - Facilities Committee - SAU Building - 9:30am

October 28 - Budget Committee - SAU Building - 7pm

November 3 - School Board Budget Workshop - 7pm

November 4 - Regular Board Meeting - SAU Building - 7:30 pm

November 9 - Budget Committee - SAU Building - 7pm

November 10 - Curriculum Committee – Middle School – 7:30PM

November 16 - SAU Public Hearing - SAU Building - 7:30pm

November 17 - School Board Budget Workshop - 7pm

November 18 - Regular Board Meeting - SAU Building - 7:30 pm

November 22 - Budget Committee - SAU Building - 7pm

Reports of the School Board –

Mrs. Aubrey – Attended the NHSBA conference with Mrs. Champey and voted on the resolutions as discussed at the previous meeting.

Mrs. Withee – The Pollard School PTA had a good turnout she noted that the PTA is very effective at the Pollard School. On October 21 there will be mock elections held and on the 25th Red Ribbon Day.

Mrs. Hall – Noted that there are 84 students eligible to vote in this Presidential election. Buses will be transporting students if they need to go the polling booth at no expense to the district.

Correspondence – None

Vendor and Payroll – Approved by Board

Other Business –

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

Voted: To appoint Nancy Danahy as the Timberlane Regional School Board Recording Secretary

Passed: Unanimous

On a motion by Mrs. Hall seconded by Mr. Brayall

Voted: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Passed Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
Acting Clerk