

Tinmouth School Board
Official Minutes
March 20, 2008

Present were Helen Mango, Chair; Board Members Anne Robbins and Francene Cone. Also present were Susan McKelvie, Principal; Brian Hampl, RSWSU Business Manager; Joe LaRosa, Grant Administrator; Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer; Sarah Bolster and Michelle Pfenning-Carter of VAC; Jonathan Czar, Secretary.

Francene called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

a. Election of Officers

Anne nominated Helen for Chair, Francene seconded. Helen accepted, all approved.

Francene nominated Anne for Vice Chair. Helen seconded, all approved.

Helen nominated Francene for Board Clerk. Anne seconded, all approved.

b. School District Treasurer - Gail Fallar was appointed Treasurer.

c. Truant Officer - Bob Emerick was appointed Truant Officer.

d. Newspaper of Record - The Rutland Herald was identified as the Newspaper of Record.

e. Affirm Robert's Rules of Order For Small Boards - Helen affirmed the Robert's Rules of Order For Small Boards.

f. Re-affirm/set meeting schedule - Helen reaffirmed the second Monday of each month as the meeting date.

g. School Board representative to Community Center Board - Helen was appointed as the School Board representative to the Community Center Board.

Francene designated July 1st as her official resignation date and will submit a formal resignation in writing. Lisa Patry has offered to finish Francene's term for her.

MINUTES

The Minutes for February 26th were reviewed. Helen moved to approve as amended. Anne seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Principal's Report:

a. NECAP report for 2007 scores

Susan provided a summary of NECAP scores which are based on the previous year to the test date. Scores for grades 3-6 are reported as a single group due to

small class size . The TES teachers have the individual scores and will begin the process of parsing the scores for the past 3 years. Tinmouth student scores are good overall and Math scores are particularly strong. Gail suggested an article for the “Tinmouth Tales” explaining the percentages. The Department of Education also provides additional data including socioeconomic status.

b. CPR Training

The school will be offering CPR training to the public on April 12th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. The fee for the training will be \$25.00. On a related note, the school is receiving a Defibrillator and is deciding on the safest location for it.

c. School Schedule

Due to the number of snow days this year, the schedule for the following events has changed:

Living History – Susan asked the board for permission to have the students leave for New Hampshire on Friday, May 23rd and sleep over to Saturday, the 24th.

5 & 6 Class Trip – students will leave on Tuesday, May 27th and return on Thursday the 29th. Susan asked the board for permission to give the students a day off on Friday since they will likely be tired.

Graduation – Monday, June 9th

Picnic – Tuesday, June 10th

Business Manager's Report

Brian sent out the Special Ed Expenditure report and reimbursement request for the Special Ed Audit. Another audit is coming up for Title 1. VoTech tuition was under-budgeted due to a misunderstanding of the reimbursement amount from the state. At the last administrators meeting they discussed draft contracts.

BILLS AND ORDERS

Gail presented the following warrants for the board to sign.

<i>Payroll Warrants</i>		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
14	02/01/08	\$15,098.16
15	02/15/08	\$14,809.96
16	02/22/08	\$13,455.37
17	03/14/08	\$15,965.06
<i>AP Warrants</i>		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
11	01/21/08	\$34,530.41
12	02/07/08	\$16,497.16
13	02/14/08	\$12,328.18
14	03/04/08	\$56,163.47

NEW BUSINESS

a. VAC (Vermont Achievement Center) Presentation

The grant for Tinmouth's current after-school program will be ending and the board had invited representatives from VAC to talk about the programs they offer. Sarah Bolster (Co-VP of programs) and Michele Pfenning-Carter (Enrichment Programs Coordinator) provided information packets and details describing VAC's services. To summarize, VAC is currently partnered with five area schools providing Dept. of Education licensed after school programs. Each site has an onsite director who is responsible for the curriculum. The entire operation of the program (staff, billing, etc..) is provided by VAC. When possible, they fill staff positions with people from the community while following childcare licensing requirements. Sarah recommended gathering information from families about what they want and expect in an after-school program. Joe LaRosa talked about the 21st Century Grant and continuing the program beyond that with sustainability grants. Joe recommended they put together a contract of services and present it to the school board for approval before taking it to the SU board.

b. Appoint members for Superintendent Steering Committee

Anne offered to serve on the Superintendent Steering Committee and will find a community member to also serve.

NEXT MEETING

The board chose April 7th, 7:00 p.m. for the next meeting as the second Monday of April falls during the school's spring break.

ADJOURNMENT

Helen moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Francene seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Czar