

Tinmouth School Board
Official Minutes
January 31st, 2010

Present were Helen Mango, Chair; Board members Cindy Taylor-Patch, Kimberly Stewart. Also present were Susan McKelvie, Principal; Kathryn Fredericks, Lead Teacher; Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer; Joan Paustian, Superintendent; Louis Milazzo, RSWSU Business Manager; Jonathan Czar, Secretary.

Helen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MINUTES

Helen moved to approve the minutes for January 10th as amended. Kimberly seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Business Manager's Report

- Louis asked the board for consent in entering into negotiations for the fuel bid with other business managers at other Supervisory Unions. The board drafted the following statement:

For the economic benefit of all school districts, the Tinmouth School Board authorizes the Superintendent and Business Manager to enter into bidding and purchasing negotiations for fuel and supplies with the Superintendent and Business Manager of other Supervisory Unions and to authorize the RSWSU board to approve the agreements for individual RSWSU school districts including the Tinmouth district.

Helen moved to approve, Cindy seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Joan provided a written report (attached, page 3). Additional items and notes are as follows:

- 4 town meetings are on the 28th. Joan will be here for Tinmouth first and then go to Ira. Louis is covering Wells.

Principal's Report – NECAP results are being released next week.

Helen moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Kimberly. All approved, motion carried.

BILLS AND ORDERS/FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Gail passed out the Financial Statement and Bill and Orders for the board to review.

AP Warrants		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
14	01/24/11	\$41,690.18
PR Warrants		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
14	01/17/11	\$12,669.44
15	01/31/11	\$11,808.24

NEW BUSINESS

- Preparation for Town Meeting – Helen wrote an article for The Tinmouth Tales summarizing budget changes. The group recommended similar pie charts from last year for the informational meeting. Gail said there were no other petitions for the warning.

Helen moved to adopt the warning for annual town meeting and authorize board members to sign it individually. Seconded by Cindy, all approved. Motion carried.

POLICIES

Policies to be rescinded (or for possible action):

1. Policy for Ethical Use of Manual Restraint - tabled indefinitely until state regulations are determined.
2. Student Injuries - covered in crisis plan
3. Delegation (medical) - covered in crisis plan
4. Prescription Medication - will use model provided by Vermont School Board association.

Helen moved to rescind Student Injuries and Delegation. Cindy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 14st 2010, 7:00 p.m., at Tinmouth Elem.

ADJOURNMENT

The group took a moment to thank Helen for her service over the years as she will not be running for school board in the next election. Helen thanked all members of the board, school, and SU for the past few years in which civility and cooperation were the norm. Helen moved to adjourn at 7:33pm. Seconded by Kimberly, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Czar

To: Tinmouth Board
From: Joan Paustian
Date: January 25, 2011

Comments:

- Thank you, Helen, for the service to the Tinmouth community and your years of dedication to the school and supervisory union communities. Also, you deserve tons of credit and thanks for the work you have led on the Systems Management Committee. The Policy Manual is in great shape with all of the required and many recommended policies updated, as well as, many of the old policies (at least Tinmouth's outdated policies) rescinded. You have kept all six Boards on track in terms of policy adoption, and you serve as a model for efficiency. Thank you.
- New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) results for grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 will be released by the commissioner on February 8th. The principals and I have received our passwords to review the student results after the 27th to verify that all students who were tested receive results and to report any discrepancies. On February 4th, principals will have access to School Results Reports, School Summary Reports, Item Analysis Reports, Released Items and Support Materials documents, and a Guide to using the 2010 NECAP Reports. All results are embargoed until the Commissioner's press conference on the 8th.
- Steven Dale, the new Executive Director of Vermont School Boards Asso, met with Vermont Superintendents last Thursday. Although he has a very different background than John Nelson, I was impressed with the areas of experience that Steven brings to his position. He is knowledgeable and approachable. He did say that John will probably be available to help answer some of the legal questions that come up. He is already working with Jeff Francis, Executive Director of Vermont Superintendents Asso, to confer with the Senate and House Education Committees on our behalf.
- There is a nice tribute to John Nelson in the latest issue of VSBA Bulletin. John was a great resource for all of us. He vetted policies, was excellent in working with our legislators, and answered many legal questions. I valued the support he gave to our school districts.