

Tinmouth School Board
Official Minutes
February 09, 2009

Present were Helen Mango, Chair; Board Members Anne Robbins and Lisa Patry. Also present were Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer; Tom Gallagher, Interim Superintendent; Louis Milazzo, Business Manager; Cindy Taylor-Patch, community member; Nancy Birdsall, Secretary.

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

MINUTES

Helen moved to approve the minutes for January 6th, 2009 as presented. Lisa seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Business Manager's Report:

Louis reported on audit items. He asked Susan for all invoices and documentation regarding student activities.

A procedure has been put in place for assuring proper paperwork for mileage payments.

The estimated tuition provided by MRUHS is high compared with the State allowable tuition. Helen has spoken with the Walter Goetz, Superintendent of the Rutland South Supervisory Union, with the concern that tuition towns are paying more than union towns when costs come in over budget. Walter said this was not the case – deficits are tacked on to the following year's budget for union towns, while the tuitioning towns get bill-backs. Lisa suggested contacting the School Board Association for confirmation of this, and Helen agreed.

Helen signed the new Bet-Cha transportation agreement and Louis confirmed that the penalty for withdrawal (requested by the Board in previous meetings) was removed from the contract.

Helen proposed that Louis need not come to future meetings unless he is specifically needed; he can get information to the Board ahead of time.

Superintendent's Report:

Tom provided a verbal report. The new Superintendent will be Joan Paustian, who was chosen from three finalists. She will begin July 1st. She was unanimously approved, and offered a three-year contract.

Helen shared a letter from Burr & Burton involving tuition rates. When a student is tuitioned to a private school, the town pays the state average and the parents pay the difference. The board asked Tom about designating a private school vs. public school. It is more difficult to designate a public school as this requires legislative approval. Designating a private school requires acceptance by the school and a town vote.

Principal's Report:

Susan was not present but provided the following report. Bill Lohsen has been chosen to do the work on the Water Treatment System. Gail noted that engineering fees did not seem to be included on the State loan information. She will confirm that the loan amount includes engineering. The Board signed the loan agreement and Helen moved to authorize Principal McKelvie to be the authorized representative to sign payment requests. Anne seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

Helen has asked Susan to share NECAP test results at the Town Informational Meeting. Helen will make copies of the school budget article in the Tinmouth Tales for the informational meeting.

BILLS AND ORDERS

Gail presented the following warrants for the board to sign.

<i>AP Warrants</i>		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
12	01/19/09	\$11,038.02
13	02/02/09	\$77,855.08
<i>Payroll Warrants</i>		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
13	01/12/09	\$7,505.98
14	01/26/09	\$8,110.58
15	02/09/09	\$7,826.66

OLD BUSINESS

Part-time Employee Policy

The board discussed questions regarding Instructional Aides and whether they would be included under the policies for Supportive Personnel. The board agreed it would be better to rewrite the policies to include Instructional Aides. The board began work on the policy and will email progress to the group. It will be warned for the 1st reading at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 9th, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Tinmouth Elementary School. This meeting will also serve as the re-organizational meeting after Town Meeting. Helen thanked Lisa Patry for serving the past year as interim board member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Helen moved to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Birdsall

CONTINUATION MINUTES

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:27 made by Helen, seconded by Lisa.

Motion carried.

No action taken.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 made by Helen, seconded by Anne. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Mango