

Tinmouth School Board
Official Minutes
July 13th, 2009

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

Helen called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES

Helen moved to approve the minutes for June 8th, 2009 as amended. Kimberly seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Business Manager's Report

Louis submitted a verbal report. He is in the process of closing the year for other districts and working on medicaid reports for the state.

Superintendent's Report

Joan submitted a written report (attached page 4). She is halfway through the SU audit and will be reporting more on that in upcoming meetings.

Principal's Report:

1. Standby Water Treatment System – Dennis Williams will be at the school on Friday the 17th to do a trial run on the system.

BILLS AND ORDERS

Gail presented the following warrants for the board to sign.

AP Warrants		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
23	06/22/09	\$56,079.91
24	07/06/09	\$54,830.98
Payroll Warrants		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
24	06/22/09	\$2,117.74
25	06/29/09	\$833.78

Gail passed out the financial statement for the board to review. There are still some outstanding bills, but the school will possibly have a surplus this year.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan reported that Ali Jenkins would like to start a fund in honor of her father Bill Jenkins to support field trips. The amount would be \$1500 per year and would help with

the 5/6 grade biannual class trip. In the off-year the school could use the money as they see fit. Alli anticipated a period of 10 years at the end of which would re-evaluate. The board expressed their gratitude for such a generous offer.

Susan also mentioned that Nancy Noble has done some fundraising to buy hand bells for Christina Holzmacher's music class and anticipates they could be used in a joint concert with the community.

POLICIES

1. Public Participation at Board Meetings – Helen recommended adoption with editorial changes. Helen moved to adopt policy as amended, seconded by Kimberly. All approved, motion carried.

2.

a) Instructional Assistants (Revised Practices and Policy) – Joan recommended specifying a credit number (3) in the course reimbursement section.

b) Support Staff (Revised Practices and Policy) – With editorial changes, Helen moved to adopt both as amended. Seconded by Kimberly, all approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Substitute List

There is no new list but Helen asked about the status of the contract with Kelly Services. Joan reported that any changes would be an SU decision.

PERSONNEL CONTRACT

A. New Hires – Nicole Austin has been hired as a one-on-one para-educator for the summer. Helen moved to approve, Cindy seconded. All approved, motion carried.

B. Resignations – None

C. Terminations – None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be August 17th, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Tinmouth Elementary School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Helen moved to go into Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and contract discussion as well as a student issue. Kimberly seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Czar

CONTINUATION MINUTES

Motion to come out of executive session at 9:10 p.m. made by Helen, seconded by Cindy.

Motion carried.

Helen offered the following motion; it was seconded by Kimberly.

The Board offers Susan McKelvie a contract for the FY'10 school year as an 80% principal. (The remaining 20% is to be paid through the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union for grant support administration work.) Note: The 20% teaching portion will be filled by a Title (federal)-funded teacher. The 80% principal's salary is to be 3% above the FY'09 salary, as budgeted. This is retroactive to July 1, 2009.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. made by Helen, seconded by Kimberly. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Mango



Report of the Superintendent

To: Tinmouth Board

From: Joan Paustian

Date: July 1, 2009

- Today is my first day serving Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union. It is my pleasure to be serving the Tinmouth School District.
- I am spending the first day meeting with Jan and Tom in an effort to come up to speed quickly.
- I am hoping to meet with each Board member at some point in the summer (at your convenience) in order to hear personally from each Board member areas of importance. Jan will be checking with each member to schedule a time. I am flexible, so if last minute works best for you, call ahead to see if I might be available to meet.
- I will be attending a New England Consortium for Secondary Schools meeting on July 16th in Concord, New Hampshire. Four supervisory unions from Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and just added Connecticut have been invited to discuss what supervisory unions are doing to transform secondary education to meet the needs of all students to meet 21st century demands. As superintendent of Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union, I was very active in these discussions and was asked to bring a team of three other administrators from that supervisory union. The project is funded by the Gates Foundation and the Nellie Mae Foundation. I have already spoken with the liaison for Vermont about having Rutland Southwest be included in the next round or in the policy development phase. I attended a meeting with this group on policy development last week in Montpelier.