

Tinmouth School Board
Official Minutes
May 11th, 2009

Present were Helen Mango, Chair; Board member Cindy Taylor-Patch. Also present were Susan McKelvie, Principal; Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer; Jonathan Czar, Secretary.

Helen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and began by thanking Nancy Birdsall for filling in as Secretary for the last three meetings.

MINUTES

While changes were made to the IA Practices and Support Personnel policy, those items did not appear on the agenda and will be warned properly for the next meeting. Helen moved to approve the minutes for April 13th, 2009 as amended. Cindy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Principal's Report:

Curriculum/Policy/Planning

- 1. GMC Watershed Alliance Partnership** – Students from Green Mt. College are researching the effects of pollution on watersheds. They visited TES and took grades 3-6 to the Tinmouth Channel for the purpose of collecting organisms for study. The students will present a report to the town on the project.
- 2. Field trip to Billings Museum, 5/26** – this will be part of Living History. The whole school will attend.
- 3. Middle School Transition Meeting** – Katherine Fogg, Middle School Director at Mill River High School, will give a presentation at the upcoming informational meeting for parents of graduating students.
- 4. NECAP Science Assessment** – Grade 4 results will be available in the Fall.

Building and Grounds

- 1. Dishwasher Grant** – the school received a grant to pay for half of a professional grade dishwasher with a heat booster. This will make cleanup at school lunch and community service functions much faster and more efficient.
- 2. Summer Projects** – the school will be making security improvements such as locks on doors and closing off the hallway at the main entrance. The goal is to prevent entry into the building other than through the office. The library, which currently holds two classes, will be enclosed with a doorway and higher bookshelves in an effort to make it more usable as a classroom. There is leftover grant money that can be used to fund both projects. Gail reminded the school to make sure there were no restrictions on the use of the grant money.

Other

- 1. Parents Club Plant Sale** – Susan thanked the Parents Club and the community

for a successful plant sale. Over \$3000 was raised. A special thanks went to Allyn Kahle and Karen Kay for their contributions, including coming early and staying late.

2. Standby Water Treatment System – the system was installed on Saturday. Gail reported problems with the coordination by the engineer.

RSWSU SUB-COMMITTEE NOTES/REPORTS

Systems Management

Work on policies is continuing. 1st drafts of mandatory policies are almost completed and they should be up to date within a month. This work requires a huge amount of time and effort.

Finance Committee

The next meeting is May 12th. Cindy is getting up to speed on the acronyms and asked about new board member orientation.

BILLS AND ORDERS

Gail presented the following warrants for the board to sign.

AP Warrants		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
19	04/27/09	\$7583.11
20	05/11/09	\$181,594.03
Payroll Warrants		
Warrant #	Date	Amount
20	04/20/09	\$11,277.12
21	05/04/09	\$12,553.79

Gail passed out the financial statement for the board to review.

NEW BUSINESS

School-based Clinician Model

Bonnie Lenihan asked the board to discuss the possibility of moving to Rutland Mental Health for the school-based clinician model. Independent vendors are currently used. There have been problems in the RSWSU when these vendors have exceeded their contracted hours, creating unforeseen budget expenses. Moving to RMH would be an all or nothing proposition. The board discussed the pros and cons, the positives being a fresh perspective on students and potential lower costs. The negatives would be a lack of familiarity with the clinicians and staff and coverage for Special Ed students only. The board felt there were many unanswered questions and would need more information before they could make a recommendation.

POLICES

G-11 Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources & The Internet

The board discussed accepting this policy as written but it needs to be warned first.

D-7 Volunteers and Work Study Students

Helen moved to approve D-7, Cindy seconded. All approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 8th, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Tinmouth Elementary School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Helen moved to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel contracts. Cindy seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Czar

CONTINUATION MINUTES

Motion to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. made by Helen, seconded by Cindy.
Motion carried.

No action taken.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. made by Helen, seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Mango