

Tinmouth School Board
Official Minutes
August 4, 2008

Present were Helen Mango, Chair; Board Member Anne Robbins. Also present were Susan McKelvie, Principal; Tom Gallagher, Interim Superintendent; Jeb Smith and Megan Esslinger, future town residents; Jonathan Czar, Secretary.

Helen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and recommended suspending the order of business in order to hear from Jeb and Megan. They have a child starting Kindergarten and since they have not yet moved to Tinmouth, they asked the board for permission to enroll their son at TES for Fall 2008. They will move in as soon as their house is ready; this is expected mid-Fall. Helen moved to approve their request, seconded by Anne. All approved, motion carried.

MINUTES

Helen moved to approve the minutes for June 2, 2008 (regular) and July 23, 2008 (special) as written. Anne seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent's Report:

Tom provided the following written report:

Much of my time over the last several weeks has been spent listening to staff and board members. I have been most impressed with the dedication and commitment all have made for the benefit of our students. Although there have been distractions, the focus on students has not wavered. This is a credit to the staff's professionalism.

I have had time to review the principals' building plans. Although some minor changes are yet to be made, I believe the plans are comprehensive and student-centered. I look forward to working with the principals to help them accomplish their goals for student achievement.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Tinmouth School. I believe we have a competent team and I hope to contribute to its success.

Tom Gallagher

Principal's Report:

1. Lunch Billing and Prices – Ann Czar provided information from the Department of Education on lunch pricing. Susan proposed raising the prices to \$3.25 for an adult lunch, \$2.25 for a student lunch, and \$.40 for milk. Susan and Ann will discuss the paperwork procedures at the upcoming Open House. Helen moved to increase the prices as proposed by Susan, seconded by Anne. All

approved, motion carried.

2. Attendance Procedures – Susan provided the truancy policy's procedure to the board. The board will review the policy for the next meeting.

3. Schoolwide Behavior Plan – Susan wants to revisit the existing policy because the staff feels some things need to be changed with a focus on consistency.

4. Staff In-Service – Allyn Kahle and Stuart Gerrol are working together on the curriculum. Karen Kay and Stuart are trading classrooms.

5. Server Update – Nick Striglia has installed the new server. Susan complimented him on his professionalism and helpful nature.

6. Building Maintenance – the painting projects have been completed.

7. Water System Update – the school is still waiting for information to be submitted to Otter Creek Engineering regarding the allowable distance between buildings.

8. After School Program – the contract with VAC has been signed. Sarah Bolster, the Director of VAC, is waiting for Tinmouth's license from the state.

9. Parent Open House – the Open House is scheduled for August 21st at 7:00 p.m. The First Day Celebration will be Tuesday morning, August 26th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sick Bank – Shirley Zandy has received enough information to proceed with compiling the data.

2. Update on Teachers' Negotiated Agreement – the agreement has been signed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Switching to RSSU - The board is in the process of forming a committee to survey the town's feeling about switching supervisory unions. Regarding the tuition cost, Tom explained Act 82 which is a new law that could lead to voter confusion if it breaks the school budget vote into two items.

2. Smoke Alarm – the smoke alarm is being triggered in the Community Center when the grill is used and the fan is not turned on. A checklist for those using the Community Center needs to be drafted.

PERSONNEL

New Hires:

Trudy Langer – Instructional Assistant

Christina Holzmacher – Music Teacher

Kimberly Eugair – School Nurse

Allison Acher (Vendor) – School Year SLP

Summer positions:

Heather McKelvie – Summer Instructional Assistant

Deborah Wells (Vendor) – Summer OT

Claudia Ellis (Vendor) – Summer 1:1 SLP

The Art teacher position has not yet been filled.

Resignations:

Barbara Buffum

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tinmouth Elementary School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Helen moved to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for discussion of contract issues, seconded by Anne. All approved, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Czar

CONTINUATION MINUTES

Helen moved to move out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Anne. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Anne, seconded by Helen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Mango