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TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
February 2, 2017
7:30PM

Superintendent's Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order (00:00:08)

Chairman Bealo called this February 2, 2017 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting to order at 7:30pm with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sandown resident Arthur Green.

Board Members Present

Peter Bealo, Rob Collins (7:35pm), Donna Green, Dan Guide, Jack Sapia, Susan Sherman, Gregory Spero, and Kelly Ward. Absent: Stefanie Dube

Seated at the Board's Table

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Niko Nifakos, Student Representative

Union Representation

Ryan Richman, President TTA

DELEGATES AND INDIVIDUALS (00:01:14)

Student Representative Niko Nifakos provided an update on district activities (Pollard rescheduled winter concert, TRMS production of Peter Pan, Jr., wrestling, What's Your Impact, the course selection process and the conclusion of the first semester. Arthur Green of Sandown spoke on the proposed default budget and on his belief the tax impact is purposely being withheld from the public in an effort to keep people from attending the deliberative session.

CURRENT BUSINESS

2018-19 School Calendar (00:06:42)

Dr. Metzler presented the first draft of the proposed 2018-19 school calendar that has been reviewed and approved by the Timberlane Teachers' Association. He noted the calendar was being presented two years in advance to assist parents in their long term vacation planning. The calendar reflects 180 instructional days, 10 snow days, 2 flex days and 5 professional development days.

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the 2018-19 school calendar; seconded by Mr. Guide.

Discussion ensued on the number of emergency days that are built into the calendar at the end of the school year. Mr. Collins motioned to call the question; however, Chairman Bealo allowed others to opine prior to a call for a vote. Start dates were discussed as it relates to the Labor Day holiday, calendar alignment with CTE programs, summer programs, and potential conflicts with emergency days encroaching into the month of July.

Mr. Collins withdrew his motion and Mr. Guide withdrew his second.

MOTION: Mrs. Green motioned the board reject the draft calendar and send it back so it does not intrude on another fiscal year; seconded by Mr. Sapia.

Discussion ensued on conducting make-up days on Saturdays and vacations. Other options would need to be investigated and presented.

VOTE: The motion to reject the proposed calendar passed 6-2-0 (Mr. Collins and Mrs. Sherman opposed).

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS REVIEW (00:31:24)

The board engaged in a lengthy review and discussion on their 2016-17 goals. Highlights of the discussion were as follows:

1. Academic Excellence – general consent was that the board was very supportive of the initiatives of the Superintendent’s Leadership Team in as far as the administrative organization (new deans), blended learning tools (Tripod, Achieve3000, Star), and the allocation of resources for those tools. Assessment reports have been consistent given administration needs the appropriate time to review and understand the data prior to reporting on it.
2. Community Engagement and Parental Involvement – general consent was that this goal has been addressed by way of TPAF, School Messenger, the Timberlane App, Cleaner Greener, the District Facebook page, Superintendent advisory committees, and individual board member’s interaction with the public.
3. Capital Improvement Plan – this goal has been completed with thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman as well as the other administrators and community members who assisted.
4. Working with the Budget Committee – this goal has been completed as a joint meeting with the Budget Committee was held and School Board input solicited. Members agreed that additional planning is needed for future joint meetings.
5. Annual Report – board members agreed this goal has been met as increased content is scheduled to be included in the 2016 annual report (auditor’s report and District Report Card).
6. Campuses and Grounds – it was agreed more work was needed for this goal; however, much progress has been made (Sandown North playfield/grounds, numerous infrastructure improvements). It was noted a strategic plan is necessary to establish a unified direction and goal in this area.
7. Drug Awareness - a continuation of this work is needed. Efforts and resources include SOROCK, area churches, Mercy Street, and the Wellness Committee.

Future goals for consideration include summer meetings, more CIP work, additional budget committee joint meetings, and more frequent goals review sessions.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION (02:04:01)

The board’s self-evaluation process is scheduled to begin immediately with results to be reported at the March 9th meeting prior to the elections.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (02:06:28)

Dr. Metzler reported on the updating of several procedures that align with the most recent batch of board-updated policies – all related to internet/computer use, a thank you from the recreation departments of Plaistow, Atkinson and Sandown regarding a New Year’s Eve event at the PAC, thanks and appreciation to Ryan Richman and the TTA regarding a practice run of block scheduling, the merger of Star and Achieve3000, and the significant improvements made in Lexile scores for the Achieve3000 users. He also updated the board on the shelter-in-place that occurred earlier in the day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (02:31:27)

Board members provided committee updates on the new Wellness Center Exploratory subcommittee.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS (02:34:14)

Members reported on the district activities they attended, the hard work required of a board member in this era of social media, and on specific vendor payments noted at the last board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (02:44:12)

Board members reviewed the January 19th and the January 26th public meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the January 19th and January 26th public meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Ward. The minutes were approved by general consent.

CORRESPONDENCE FOLDER

None.

VENDOR AND PAYROLL REGISTERS

Reviewed and signed by members. Questions were posed on specific expenses listed in the vendor report. Responses to be provided at the next board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS (02:49:14)

Discussion ensued on the board’s review of the annual report draft. It was agreed by general consent that the board would only review and approve the board’s annual report article and the completed annual report would be posted to the board’s website prior to its release to the public. Board members also directed that acronyms not be used in the school reports.

Chairman Bealo announced the meeting would go into nonpublic session to review the sealed minutes of the December 1, 2016 and January 19, 2017 nonpublic meetings.

MOTION: Mr. Bealo motioned the board go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, paragraph (c), matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person; seconded by Mr. Collins.

The board was polled: Bealo – yes Sapia – yes
 Collins – yes Sherman – yes
 Green – yes Spero – yes
 Guide – yes Ward – yes

The board entered nonpublic session at 10:25pm.

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned the board exit nonpublic session; seconded by Mr. Guide.

The board was polled: Bealo – yes Sapia – yes
 Collins – yes Sherman – yes
 Green – yes Spero – yes
 Guide – yes Ward – yes

The board entered public session at 11:05pm.

Chairman Bealo adjourned the meeting at 11:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine Belcher

Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board on February 16, 2017.