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TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
October 20, 2016
7:30PM

Superintendent's Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order (00:00:10)

Chairman Bealo called this October 20, 2016 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting to order at 7:32pm with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Niko Nifakos.

Board Members Present

Peter Bealo, Rob Collins (8:35pm), Donna Green, Dan Guide, Jack Sapia, Susan Sherman, and Kelly Ward.
Absent: Stefanie Dube and Gregory Spero.

Seated at the Board's Table

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Deb Armfield, Exec Director of Curriculum,
Assessment and Professional Learning
Christi Michaud, Director of Data, Assessment and
Accountability
Niko Nifakos, Student Representative

Other Administrators Present

Sandra Allaire, Academic Dean of World Language
Rebecca Carlson, Dean of Math
Barry Chooljian, Director of Guidance
Mike Flynn, Asst Principal, TRMS

Other Administrators Present (cont)

Ken Henderson, Director of Technology
Mike Hogan, Principal, TRMS
Jen Michitson, Academic Dean of Enrichment,
Freshman Academy, Reading and RTI
Brian O'Connell, Asst. Principal, TRHS
Lois Paul, Coordinator of Technology Integration
Mark Pedersen, Academic Dean of Science
Heather Roy, Assts Principal, TRHS
Mary Widman, Asst. Principal, TRHS
Donald Woodworth, Principal, TRHS

Union Representation

Ryan Richman, President TTA

DELEGATES AND INDIVIDUALS (00:02:35)

Student representative Niko Nifakos updated the board on high school events (fall sports and sports senior nights, soccer and field hockey standings, student council, NHS induction, and a renewed focus on uninterrupted academics now that Spirit Week has ended). Chairman Bealo called for an immediate recess upon Donna Green's attempts to make statements relative to legal matters and individual reputations (8:38-8:43pm).

CURRENT BUSINESS

MONTREAL TRIP (00:05:36)

Christine Lacourse presented a proposal for a student trip to Montreal on May 19-20, 2017. She presented rationale related to curriculum alignment, affordability, and immersion, as well as an overview of the trip's agenda. Students would need to be excused from school on Friday, May 19th.

MOTION: Mrs. Sherman motioned to approve the trip to Montreal and excuse students from school as presented; seconded by Mr. Guide. There being no discussion, the motion passed 6-0-0.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN (00:15:34)

Ken Henderson presented a PowerPoint on a proposed 5-year technology plan (2017-2022). The presentation included specifics associated with curriculum integration, access to technology, professional development, community communications outreach, and estimated budgets for years 1-5. He fielded questions from board members on current network speed (bandwidth), number of servers, and fiber optic upgrade options. Some concerns were noted regarding an over exposure of technology and a reduction of handwritten work.

MOTION: Mrs. Sherman motioned to approve the 5-year Technology Plan as presented; seconded by Mr. Sapia.

Discussion ensued on lease or buy pros and cons, a request for a district-wide software inventory, and philosophical views of using technology in schools. (Mr. Collins entered the meeting at 8:35pm.) Mrs. Sherman moved the question.

VOTE: The motion to approve the Technology Plan passed 6-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Mr. Collins offered to bring the newly approved plan to the Budget Committee for budgeting purposes.

POLICIES (01:04:53)

Chairman Bealo presented policies ACAA, ACAB, GBEBB, GBEC, JICFA, JIH, KNAJ and DID for first read.

MOTION: Mrs. Green motioned to move policy ACAA forward for second read; seconded by Mr. Sapia.

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to amend the motion by including all eight policies (to accept as first read); seconded by Mr. Guide. Discussion ensued. The motion to amend passed 6-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Further discussion ensued on the process for second read. Chairman Bealo directed board member to send him their questions and/or recommendations for changes to the eight policies prior to the next meeting.

VOTE: The newly amended motion to move all eight policies forward to second read (accept as first read) passed 6-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Chairman Bealo called for a short recess (8:52-8:57pm).

BLOCK SCHEDULING (01:16:05)

Mr. Bealo informed the board of two versions of the presentation in board packets (summary and TPAF presentation). He directed the viewing audience to log onto the district website to access the full presentation that was presented at the September TPAF session. He stated that although the item is listed as informational, he would entertain action on the plan tonight if the board was so inclined, or they could wait until the next meeting. Mike Flynn and Brian O'Connell provided an overview of the proposed block schedule for middle and high school students noting rationale, benefits, increase in instructional time, actual middle, high and performing arts schedules, professional development, facility usage and the next steps in implementing the plan once approved. They fielded questions from the board regarding the impact to the music program, lunch schedules, how this plan is very different from the one proposed 6-7 years ago (A/B model), and data evidence. Input was given by TTA President Ryan Richman relative to the need for professional development to ensure teachers are equipped for the change as well as the need to look at the union contract for possible modifications (MOU's). Dr. Metzler assured that teachers would be involved in the implementation process and then encouraged Mr. Richman to connect with the program administrators.

MOTION: Mr. Sapia motioned to accept the proposal to move forward with Block Scheduling; seconded by Mrs. Sherman.

Discussion ensued on the effect on AP classes, the impact on student absences, legal costs associated with drafting a memorandum of understanding, and tabling the vote to allow for additional exposure to the community.

MOTION: Mr. Guide motioned to table the vote on the motion to approve block scheduling to the next meeting; seconded by Mrs. Green.

Discussion ensued on the timeframe for producing the Program of Studies, planning of professional development and further communications to the public.

VOTE: The motion failed 3-4-0 (Mrs. Green, Mr. Bealo and Mr. Guide in favor).

VOTE: The motion to approve block scheduling passed 6-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Chairman Bealo called for a short recess (10:05-10:09pm).

BUDGET PROCESS OVERVIEW (02:24:25)

Mr. Stokinger reported he has met with all school/departments regarding their 2017-18 budgets and the first group for budget presentation went before the Budget Committee last week. It was the preference of the committee to meet individually with department heads/schools vs a big presentation at the PAC. Discussion ensued about reaching a bottom line number for the proposed budget.

MOTION: Mrs. Green motioned the board recommend to Mr. Stokinger and Dr. Metzler that they provide a zero increase for the 2017-18 budget; seconded by Mr. Sapia.

Discussion ensued on insurance rates, NHRS costs, voter-approved salaries, enrollment numbers and state funding methodology.

VOTE: The motion failed 1-6-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

After much discussion, the board agreed that the upcoming joint meeting with the Budget Committee will include reviewing any proposed big projects for warrant article consideration.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (02:26:19)

Dr. Metzler informed the board on the shortage of substitute nurses and requested the board transfer \$25k to cover the cost for securing them through health agencies.

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to move \$25,000 for emergency nursing coverage; Mrs. Sherman seconded. After brief discussion the motion passed 7-0-0.

Chairman Bealo adjourned the meeting at 10:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Belcher
Recording Clerk

Approved by the School Board November 17, 2016.