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TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
October 1, 2015
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Steenson called this October 1, 2015 public meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Mr. Bealo, Mr. Blair, Mr. Collins (9:33 pm), Mrs. Green, Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Spero, Mrs. Steenson, Mr. Ward and student representative Jordon DiTore

Administrators Present

Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Armfield, Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Learning
Ms. Auger, Principal of Pollard School
Mrs. Barcelos, Principal of Danville Elementary
Mr. Chooljian, Director of Guidance
Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. Georgian, Principal of Sandown North
Mrs. Hodgkins, Director of Transportation
Mrs. Liff, Assistant Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. McKechnie, Director of Preschool
Mr. Mealey, Dean of Attendance
Mr. Rolph, Principal of Timberland Learning Center at Sandown Central
Mr. Shawley, Assistant Principal of Danville Elementary
Mrs. Stafford, Assistant Principal of Sandown North
Mrs. Vance, Assistant Principal of Pollard School

Timberlane Teachers Association

Ryan Richman, Vice President TTA

Pledge of Allegiance

Adam Noise fifth grade student from Sandown North led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates and Individuals (00:02:40)

Jordon DiTore visited Pollard Elementary and updated the board on the upcoming events; October 2nd is the Bike/Walk day where students along with their parents can bike or walk to school where they enjoy a pancake breakfast upon arrival. October 27th is the pasta fundraiser for the Pollard playground. Phase I of the playground equipment will be installed this week. He reported Sprit week at the high school is coming to a close. German Exchange students were welcomed on campus with the French Exchange students arriving in a few weeks.

Mr. Shawn O'Neil, Chairman of the Board of Selectman of Danville read a letter to the board regarding student data.

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Madam Chair Steenson requested the board consider making a motion to have item (5g) Consolidation/Transition Report be changed to the first item on the agenda since a student will be presenting this evening.

MOTION: Mr. Sapia motioned to make agenda item number 5g Sandown Consolidation/Transition Report the first agenda item. Mr. Bealo seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0

Current Business (00:14:38)

Consolidation/Transition Report

Mrs. Stafford and the transition team members provided an update on the consolidation of the Sandown schools. They outlined the team building events, concerns and successes and the next steps for the committee. Adam Noise President of Student Counsel at Sandown North announced this year's theme of Peace, Learn and Grow; he reported the students are enjoying the camaraderie at Sandown North. Mrs. Georgian noted the dismissal was going well, 350 students leave the Sandown campus in 15 to 17 minutes each day. When asked by the board if the lunch time was adequate, Adam Noise responded students would like a longer lunch but they actually need to talk less and eat more.

Hawaiian Exchange Program (00:34:35)

Mr. Mealey requested permission for a student trip to Hawaii April 22 to May 1, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Ward motioned to authorize the Hawaiian Trip and the early release for students attending the trip on April 22, 2016. Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0

Student Council LEAD Conference (00:49:42)

Mrs. Libby-Barth requested permission to take student council members to the LEAD conference in Phoenix, Arizona November of 2015.

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to authorize the LEAD conference trip with students attending the conference excused from classes on November 12 and 13, 2015. Mr. Spero seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-1-0 Mrs. Green opposed

Montreal Trip (00:58:01)

Mademoiselle Lacourse requested permission to take a student trip to Montreal in May of 2016.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to authorize the May 20, and 21, 2016 trip to Montreal Quebec, excusing students attending the trip from classes on Friday May 20, 2016. Mr. Spero seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0

Policies (01:12:56)

Mr. Bealo asked the board to consider a second reading and adoption for the repeal of policy EH Data Management (Public Use of School Records).

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to approve the repeal of policy EH Data Management (Public Use of School Records). Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0

Donations Acknowledgement (01:14:34)

Mr. Chooljian and Mr. Lena acknowledged two donations from the Atkinson Women's Civic Club, \$500 donated to the Peer Outreach Program and another \$350 to the Life of an Owl program. Mr. Mealey was presented with a \$400 donation and from Shaw's in Plaistow to be used to help students in need, they also provided a cake for

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the meeting. Mr. Chooljian thanked the community for their support.

Transportation Update (01:16:35)

Mrs. Hodgkins provided an update on the transportation services.

Action Plans Part II (01:58:01)

Ms. Auger, Pollard School, Mrs. Barcelos, Danville Elementary, Mrs. Dayotis, Atkinson Academy, Mrs. Georgian, Sandown North and Mr. Rolph of Timberlane Learning Center at Sandown Central presented their common elementary goals and the actions plans for each school to accomplish the goals. Mrs. McKechnie outlined how the Timberlane Learning Center at Sandown Central goals and the action plan to achieve the goals.

Mr. Collins arrived at the meeting

Board and Superintendent Leadership Team (SLT) Committee Goals (02:25:36)

Madam Chair Steenson reminded the Board and SLT committee chairs to update the committee goals for the 2015-2016 school year. Committee goals are to be presented under committee reports on future agendas.

New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) Resolutions (02:26:09)

Madam Chair Steenson reminded the members of the October 23rd deadline to submit resolutions to the NHSBA. She asked that board members to forward their suggestions by the next meeting.

Administrator's Report (02:26:57)

Dr. Metzler clarified information regarding the Star Assessments.

Personnel (02:27:22)

None

Committee Reports (02:27:31)

Mr. Collins updated the board on the progress of the Sandown Withdrawal Feasibility Study Committee (SWFSC). He outlined the committee's concerns of where the Sandown students would attend middle and high school. He outlined the options and noted the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) would be the best middle and high school option for these students. He informed the board if, Sandown withdrew, the town would no longer have representation on the TRSB, and the Town of Sandown would pay tuition per student for the middle and high school students attending TRSD. He reported the committee then considered the buy-out cost for the town. The committee then voted unanimously that the study proves that Sandown's withdrawal from the TRSD is not feasible or suitable. Mr. Collins informed the board of a public hearing scheduled for October 14, 2015 to provide information to all citizens so they will have a clear understanding of the process and decisions. He asked the board to consider the option of continuing the research of the buy-out cost back to 1965.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to approve continuing to fund the research history back to 1965 to determine the buy-out cost for the Town of Sandown. Mr. Sapia seconded. A discussion ensued on the reasoning for and against the continued research of the buyout cost for the Town of Sandown. Having no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-2-0 Mrs. Green and Mr. Blair opposed

Mr. Sherwood a resident of Sandown thanked the board members and the SWFSC for their work and information that has been provided to the public. He reported he mistakenly voted for the article asking for the Sandown feasibility study, he is relieved the majority committee found that the withdrawal was not feasible or

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suitable. He reported the majority of residents of Sandown appreciate the SWFSC and how the study was handled.

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to extend the meeting of the TRSB to 10:45 pm. Mrs. Sherman seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote 9-0-0.

Mrs. Sherman informed the board the Capital Improvement Plan Committee (CIP) is finishing their report and will present to the Superintendent's Leadership Team (SLT) and requested a second budget committee member to be added to the committee. Mrs. Sherman also attended the Wellness committee.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to approve the addition of a second budget committee member for the CIP committee. Mr. Spero seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1 Mr. Blair abstained

Mr. Blair reported the Budget committee; he noted the discussion on the presentations by department heads. He requested the board's approval of a communication piece authored by Kate Delfino outlining the budget process and calendar to be inserted in the district newsletter.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to approve the contribution of a communication piece into the TRSD newsletter. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 9-0-0

Madam Chair Steenson attended the personnel committee collective bargaining negotiations and asked for Mr. Blair to be co-chair of that committee.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve Mr. Blair as co-chair of the Personnel Committee. Mrs. Sherman seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0 Mr. Green opposed

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to extend the meeting of the TRSB to 11:00 pm. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 6-3-0 Mr. Collins, Mr. Bealo and Mrs. Steenson opposed

Minutes (03:18:16)

The board was presented with the public and non-public meeting minutes for September 3, and September 17, 2015.

Motion: Mrs. Green motioned to insert that she stated "A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of launching legal action against an individual as it relates to a conflict of interest when retaining both Board of Selectman and Budget Committee positions she objected to the non-public session as inappropriate and illegal." Mrs. Sherman seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion failed by a vote of 1-7-1 Mrs. Green voted in favor and Mr. Blair abstained.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the public and non public meeting minutes of September 3 and 17, 2015 with changes. Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-1-1 Mrs. Green opposed and Mr. Blair abstained.

Correspondence

Was reviewed by the board

Vendor and Payroll

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Vendor and payroll registers were reviewed and signed by the board

Other

With no further business Madam Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting and the board enter into a non-meeting at 10:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Nancy Louiselle
School Board Clerk*