

**TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD**

*Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown  
New Hampshire*

**Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2013  
7:30 PM**

**SAU No 55  
30 Greenough Road  
Plaistow, NH**

**Call to Order**

*Chairman Collins called this November 21, 2013 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm.*

**Board Members Present**

*Mr. Blair, Chairman Collins, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Steenson, and Mr. Ward.*

**Not in attendance:**

*Mr. Bealo, Mrs. Delfino and Mr. Mascola.*

**Administrators Present**

*Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools*

*Dr. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent*

*Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator*

*Mrs. Armfield, Director of Professional Learning*

*Mr. Holland, Director of Technology*

*Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education*

*Mrs. Rasicot, Director of Student Services*

*Mrs. Rincon, Director of Special Education*

*Mr. Strainge, Director of Secondary Education*

*Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS*

*Mr. Hogan, Principal of TRMS*

*Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy*

*Mr. Pederson, Academic Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chairman Collins led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Minutes (00:05:03)**

*The board reviewed and approved the November 7, 2013 public meeting minutes of the Timberlane Regional School Board. **The minutes were approved by general consent of the board.***

**Delegations and Individuals (00:05:30)**

*Chairman Collins read a resignation letter penned by former school board member Roger Barczak from Sandown. He then asked any Sandown residents interested in the school board seat to contact a board member.*

**CURRENT BUSINESS (00:08:23)**

**Essay Contest Winners**

*Dr. Metzler thanked the principals and students for their support of National Education Week. The winners from grades 2, 5, 7 and 10 presented their essays on the four pillars of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service. Mrs. Dayotis introduced Katie O'Leary 2<sup>nd</sup> grader from Atkinson Academy who read her winning essay. Mrs. Dayotis then introduced Devin Simmons 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Atkinson Academy who read his winning essay. Mr. Hogan introduced Aidan Fisher 7<sup>th</sup> grader from the middle school who read his winning essay. Mr. Woodworth introduced Maggie Skerry, 10<sup>th</sup> grader from the high school who read her winning essay. All winning essay authors were presented with a plaque and gift card to Barnes and Nobles. Board members thanked each winner personally.*

**Community Practice Award**

Mr. Lena and Mr. Woodworth introduced Casey Jones, Emma Melanson and Corinne Hennessey who represented the Peer Outreach student group that received a nomination for the NH Community of Practice Excellence Award for their dedication in promoting a positive school climate through their work with substance abuse and violence prevention. They were active in many groups that support students and their communities. They received the award at the Grappone center in Concord, NH on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The board also thanked each student personally for their achievement and dedication in supporting all students.

A brief recess occurred at 8:00 pm.

**French Modification (00:37:36)**

Mademoiselle Runnels requested modifying the approved France trip by extending it two additional days because the trip was originally scheduled to include a national holiday. The large crowds expected during the holiday would hamper the students scheduled day.

**Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to authorize extending the student trip to France to include May 6th and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0-0**

**Professional Development Updates (00:39:04)**

Mrs. Armfield presented updates to the Professional Development program as well as provided information on upcoming opportunities within the program.

**Science NECAP (00:45:32)**

Mr. Strange, Mrs. Killen and Mr. Pederson presented the most recent science NECAAP results. The results were discussed by the board as was the future efforts to improve students overall comprehension of science.

**Administrator's Report (01:23:54)**

Dr. Metzler informed the board that the high school is in receipt of a \$3,000 grant from the Doris and Vivian Horton Fund to be used to support Mealey's Meals. The high school is also in receipt of a "light table" which is a viewing devise that is used to review artwork. When purchased new, the approximate value of the table is \$20,000; its current value is between \$2,500 and \$3,500. He recommended the board approve these two donations as required in district policy KCD.

**Motion: Mr. Blair motioned to accept the donations of \$3,000 for Meal's Meals and a lighted table for an estimated value of \$2,500. Mr. Ward seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.**

Dr. Metzler then informed the board of the features for the new Power Announcement System to notify parents. Options for notification include email, voice or text messaging. These features are currently being utilized at the high and middle schools. It is scheduled to be available to elementary schools by the end of the first trimester.

Middle school student senate was recently thanked by the Town of Plaistow Elder Affairs Committee for their contributions to the Senior Fair held this past September. On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> eighty-seven Timberlane Students competed in the New Hampshire Music Educator All State Music Festival. He then updated the board on the food service program which is doing well. He thanked the café managers and the families of students for their continued support. Dr. Metzler will continue to monitor the program and report back to the board.

Dr. Metzler reviewed the attendance statistics since the implementation of the position of Dean of Attendance which shows a 72.2% improvement in student absences. Additionally Mr. Mealy has been instrumental in assisting the central office with residency cases. He went on to report that he (Metzler) is meeting with parents who are considering sending their soon to be 9<sup>th</sup> graders to another high school. He asked the parents to take a good look at our high school and consider their ongoing efforts to improve. He then asked the board if they would like to send cookie platters to each of the schools prior to the Christmas break along with a note of appreciation and holiday well wishes. The board would be pleased to have the platters sent to the schools extending their appreciation and holiday wishes.

Mr. Stokinger updated the board on the proposed 2014-2015 budget, outlining the drafts and noting cuts and

additions. He outlined the major factors and noted the current increase over the previous year is right now at 3.80%.

**Personnel (01:38:12)**

None

**Reports of the School Board (01:38:40)**

The board members reported on activities and programs they attended.

**Correspondence (01:38:46)**

None

**Vendor and Payroll Check Registers (01:39:00)**

Vendor and payroll registers have been signed by the board.

**Other Business**

Having no further business before the board Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk