

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
October 17, 2013
7:30 PM

SAU No 55
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Vice Chair Steenson called this October 17, 2013 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30pm.

Board Members Present

Mr. Barczak, Mr. Bealo, Mrs. Delfino, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Steenson and Mr. Ward.

Not in attendance:

Mr. Blair, Chairman Collins and Student Liaison Ben Militello.

Administrators Present

Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator

Mrs. Danahy, Director of Human Resources and TRSB Recording Clerk

Madam Vice Chair Steenson asked for a moment of silence in a show of respect for Atkinson Selectman Todd Barbera, who recently passed away.

Pledge of Allegiance

Madam Vice Chair Steenson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes (00:02: 25)

The board reviewed and approved by consensus the October 3, 2013 and October 10, 2013 public and non-public meeting minutes of the Timberlane Regional School Board.

Delegations and Individuals (00:03:13)

Sandown resident Joseph McKinnon requested the school board put an end to allowing students to purchase lunches when they have a negative lunch account balance. He believes students should not be allowed to make the decision to run up a negative balance and then expect parents to pay the overage. He also requested that letters or emails to parents regarding negative balances be stopped and a phone call should be placed instead. He believes this would also save money for the district.

CURRENT BUSINESS (00:13:53)

Public Hearing on Donation

On behalf of the Timberlane Football Boosters, Dr. Metzler presented a donation in the amount of \$12,000 for the purpose of installing the new scoreboard that was recently donated by the Football Boosters. Board members noted the incredible hard work of Mrs. Heather David to raise these funds in addition to the money she raised for the scoreboard.

Motion: Mr. Barczak motioned to accept on behalf of the school district the donation of \$12,000 for the purpose of installing the new scoreboard. Mr. Bealo seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Ward abstained).

SLT/Board Committee Goals Part II (00:16:36)

Madam Vice Chair Steenson explained the SLT/Board Committees were asked to develop a mission statement and goals for each of the committees. Mrs. Delfino presented the Community Relations Committee Goals mission and smart goals for the 2013-2014 school year.

Superintendent's Goals (00:20:43)

Dr. Metzler noted his goals were presented at the recent SAU board meeting and then asked the board if they had any questions about them. Mr. Ward asked when the goals were written to which Dr. Metzler explained that the goals are a living document and most of the goals were developed at the school board retreat. Mr. Barczak read aloud the mission, beliefs and vision statement in the strategic plan which state "Student test scores will rank among the top ten percent in the state." Noting the Strategic Plan is a guide for the district he asked what Dr. Metzler's plan is to achieve this goal. Mr. Mascola asked for a definition or clarification of what the top ten percent refers to. Dr. Metzler explained there is no magic wand to move a district to such a 10% status as the infrastructure of the district needs to be aligned to achieve such a goal. Improving the infrastructure is exactly what Dr. Metzler has been and is currently doing throughout the district.

Installment of academic dean, conducting instructional rounds and administrator evaluations are just a few of those initiatives.

Motion: Mrs. Delfino motioned to approve the Superintendent's goals as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sherman. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote 7-0-0.

New Hampshire School Board Association (00:30:45)

Mr. Barczak distributed a handout to the board regarding his proposed NHSBA resolution. He read aloud the first few paragraphs of the document and stated the objective to this resolution is to abolish the United States Department of Education. He presented information that he gathered and his opinion on the matter. A discussion ensued.

Motion: Mr. Barczak motioned to recommend the Timberlane Regional School Board supports forwarding the resolution to the NHSBA that urges the US congress to abolish the US Department of Education, seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 4-3-0 (Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Steenson opposed).

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to authorize the TRSB Chair or Vice Chair to send a letter to NHSBA requesting an earlier notification on their "Call" for annual resolutions, seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 6-1-0 (Mrs. Sherman opposed).

School Board Goals Review (00:52:20)

In the absence of the School Board Chair, the board decided to move this agenda item to the next meeting.

Administrator's Report (00:53:15)

Dr. Metzler noted that the Sandown PTA has donated \$600 towards the purchase of a water bubbler for Sandown Central which is scheduled to be installed in the fourth grade wing of the school.

Motion: Mrs. Delfino motioned to approve the acceptance of the \$600 donation from the Sandown PTA, seconded by Mrs. Sherman. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0-0.

Dr. Metzler updated the board on the Blizzard Bags action plan, the Becky Motivates information and the midterms and finals process which he noted is almost complete. He asked the board to consider holding two policy committee meetings per month to address the number of complex policies that need review. He congratulated Michael Blache, sophomore who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He updated the board on the SLT instructional rounds, and complemented Mrs. Armfield for all her work on organizing and preparing the team for the rounds, as well as her work on the Tripod Survey.

Personnel (01:11:07)

None

Reports of the School Board (01:11:12)

Mrs. Sherman noted the new awnings and flowers planted at Pollard School. Mrs. Steenson noted the French exchange students have arrived in the district.

Correspondence (01:14:05)

Done

Vendor and Payroll Check Registers (01:14:20)

Vendor and payroll registers have been signed by the board.

Other Business (01:14:53)

Mr. Bealo requested the TRSD "What's Happening?" newsletter be distributed to the entire school district including parents.

Having no further business before the board Madam Vice Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk