

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

Regular Meeting
October 4, 2012
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Vice Chair Aubrey called this October 4, 2012 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Barczak, Mr. Bealo, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Steenson, Mrs. Withee and student representative Mr. Brett Paley.

Absent: Mr. Collins.

Administrators Present

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent

Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education

Scott Strainge, director of Secondary Education

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle Scout Thomas Dawson.

Minutes

Approval of the September 20, 2012 minutes deferred until the October 18, 2012 meeting.

Delegations and Individuals

Kayleigh Larin, Student Council President reported the pancake breakfast fundraiser held at Applebee's on September 23, 2012 was a huge success and raised \$800.00. Other events planned by Student council are: the "Kids Night Out" on November 17th where parents can bring their children and have an evening to themselves. On December 14th Student council will be hosting a winter conference for all the student councils in the District. It will be similar to a Destination Imagination type competition with a "challenge" that will need to be solved by the various groups. Finally the homecoming week activities have been set; Wednesday October 24th the Carnival, Friday October 26th Pep Rally and Football game and the dance on Saturday October 27th from 6 to 9 pm. Chaperones are still needed for the dance.

Current Business

- a. **Eagle Scout Project Proposal:** Eagle Scout Thomas Dawson was present to request permission to improve the HS senior court yard. His plan includes repainting the picnic tables, repaint/repair the two light posts, weed, rake, and remove plant debris. Additionally a memorial plaque in honor of David Martin Augusta III will be installed. Mr. Woodworth, Principal of the High School has given his permission to the plan.

Mrs. Kosta made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Delfino to allow Thomas Dawson to proceed with his project proposal as presented this evening.

Vote: Unanimous.

- b. Montreal Trip Request:** Madam Lacourse and Mrs. Hart were present to discuss the annual proposal to bring a group of eighth grade students for an overnight trip to Montreal Quebec, Canada. The goals and itinerary were discussed at length. The trip is scheduled for May 17-18. **Mrs. Withee made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Steenson to approve the Montreal Field Trip as proposed.**
Vote: Unanimous.
- c. Assessment Update:** Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education and Mr. Scott Strainge Director of Secondary Education were present to discuss a proposal for a series of workshops for the school board members to attend. The workshops would be for the school board members to learn how the curriculum directors use specific curriculum and assessment information, to direct improving the district curriculum. The Questions specifically answered in the workshop are as follows: 1. What do students need to know and be able to do? (Common Core Standards). 2. How will we teach these standards? 3. How will we know if students have learned the standards? 4. What will we do when students have learned it and have not learned it? **After a lengthy conversation, by consensus the Board was in agreement the workshops were a good idea and should be presented in a manner that non-educators could understand and also be recorded for the public to view.**
- d. Policies:** Mr. Mascola presented two policies for first reading. KFB-Assaults on School Property and JRA-Student Education Records and Information. **Mrs. Kosta made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Withee, to accept policies KFB and JRA for a first reading. Vote: Unanimous.**
- e. NHSBA Resolutions:** Mrs. Aubry asked the Board members to review the paperwork from the NH School Board Administration and to think about any new resolutions they would like to submit to the for the 2013 NHSBA Delegate assembly in January. If any member does have a resolution in mind, please let the chairman know so it can be considered and discussed at the next school board meeting.

Administrators Report

- a. Update on School Activities:** Dr. Metzler gave a brief description of activities happening at each of the District schools.
- Atkinson Academy** and the other elementary schools as well, have been giving the NWEA and NECAP tests. Mrs. Killen will be giving a CCS presentation on the 10th sponsored by the PTSA and the public is invited. They are also having a movie night on the 12th where the attendees are encouraged to wear a costume.
- Danville Elementary** had the EEE scare with positive test results. The students have been kept inside for recess and an Alert now message was sent home to parents as well as posted on the website. They also had their second annual back to school barbecue which was a huge success with the students and community.
- The Pollard School** yard sale for building a greenhouse was a huge success raising over \$1000. The Pollard School is also started a new technology program called Easytech which will help students learn about technology and internet safety.
- Sandown North** had a bingo for books on September 29 which was very well attended and their Monday morning meetings are in full swing which is hosted by four students and the parents and community members are invited to attend.
- Sandown Central** recently utilized the distance learning by Skyping a park ranger from Yosemite National Park. Additionally the anti-bullying program is in full swing and is being very well received.

Dr. Metzler met with the **TRMS** student senate at their senior service fair which was great. Both the seniors and the students had a great time. The standards based report card is well under way and will be out soon with focus groups taking a close look at it and give feedback back to the school board.

The **High School** Climate Committee met today and it was not just about the dress code. Dr. Metzler applauded the intentions of the staff for the work they have done over the summer trying to address the climate to make it a more conducive learning environment. The students who attended the meeting also brought up many things which were good to hear. This is the first of many more Climate meetings to come. Everyone is very excited about the TEDX on Saturday which the NH Commissioner of Education told Dr. Metzler she will also be in attendance. The TEDX topic is compassionate education. The HS Guidance Department reported taking 210 students to NEAC College fair in Manchester. Parent teacher night is Thursday the 11th and the HS staff is hoping for a great turn out. A 2008 gold medal Olympian Stephanie Brown Trafton met with the girls and boys soccer teams which were very well received. The athletic leaders club at the HS is running a shoe box recycling program collecting slightly used shoes to be redistributed around the world. Tomorrow night is a big game against Merrimack and it is wear pink for breast cancer awareness night. Dr. Metzler reported his pride for an outstanding marching band which will perform during the halftime show.

- b. School Board Video Equipment/Venue Schedule: Dean Zanello was present to discuss the cost of purchasing the necessary video and sound equipment needed to record the school board meetings as they are held in different buildings around the District. His estimate of the cost is approximately \$2500. Mr. Stokinger relayed a message to the assistant business administrator that the purchase of this item will be from the replacement equipment account in technology and/or the School Board miscellaneous account. The Technology replacement equipment line has a small surplus due to a favorable computer bid price coming in this past summer. **Mrs. Withee made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Mascola to purchase the proposed video/sound equipment at a maximum purchase price of \$2500. Vote: Unanimous.** The Board members expressed their appreciation for all of Dean's hard work.
- c. Budget: Dr. Metzler reported he has attended many meetings with Principals, Department Heads and Mr. Stokinger during the beginnings of the Budgeting process. It is taking a little longer than usual because everyone has taken the time to explain everything to him as they move along. Dr. Metzler voiced his appreciation in the staff helping him learn this process.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Barczak reported attending the Salem Timberlane football game in Salem which was a phenomenal win for Timberlane. The score was 27-24. He reported it as a fantastic hard hitting football game. He will also be attending the Sandown PTA on October 10 and the Budget presentations on the 11th. Mrs. Steenson wished good luck to the HS cross country team who is traveling to VT for a meet on Saturday. Mr. Bealo reported attending the Community Relations Committee meeting. He stated "The School Board Notes" is not quite ready for print but will be soon. They are also hoping to have our State Reps in again in January. The Pollard School Star party was very well attended. Mrs. Delfino attended the HS PTSA meeting this week. The High School is using a new Web based sign up program for the parent teacher meetings which is going really well and is a great improvement. It is PTSA and PTA membership drive time again and anyone can join. The form can be found on the schools websites. Mrs. Kosta went to the

Pollard school yard sale which was very well attended. The varsity cheerleaders had a cancelled yard sale on the same day, so they brought their yard sale items over to Pollard to be sold in support of the Eagle Scout project of Bryce Whittaker. Financial Aid night for seniors' parents is the 11th. Student representative Mr. Paley reported the Climate Committee Meeting was well received and a friend of his from Taiwan was finally heard regarding his request to lower the school lunch price.

Adjournment: *Having no further business before the board Vice Chair Aubrey adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Smith".

Kathy Smith

Secretary Pro Tem