

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

Regular Meeting
January 5, 2012
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Aubrey called this January 5, 2012 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson (7:55 pm), Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Ms. Obi.

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Donald Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mr. Snyder, Assistant Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. DiNola, Assistant Principal, TRSD
Mr. DiBartolomeo, Director of the Performing Arts

Pledge

Madam Chair Aubrey led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The board reviewed the public minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2011 public meeting as presented. Mrs. Kosta seconded. With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion passed 7-0-1. (Mr. Baldwin abstained.)

Delegations and Individuals

Ms. Kaylyn Ryan, Community Agent reported Student Council members will attend the region meeting scheduled for January 11, 2012 taking place in Somersworth. Currently they have organized the Mr. Timberlane Pageant; it will be for boys only this year and they expect to hold the event at the Performing Arts Center in March or April. The Big Buddy Little Buddy program is expected to be scheduled for spring at Danville Elementary. They expect to application to be sent out soon. Ms. Serria Obi, TRSB Student Representative reported students have returned from the winter vacation.

Current Business

Atkinson Academy

Mrs. Dayotis and Mr. Snyder presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining a school day and all the special events they have during the school year.

They reviewed professional development training provided to staff, and the Response to Instruction (RTI) showing how the "I do, We do, You do" model works. They highlighted the clear targets in each classroom and how they foster communication for all students in all subjects. Mrs. Dayotis noted that the pre-school program is an asset which creates a smooth transition for students to kindergarten and first grade. Students come to first grade prepared and ready to continue learning. She thanked all the volunteers and parents that work together as a team at Atkinson Academy.

She outlined the part of the day when all students in the building work at the same time daily on specific math incentives improving their understanding of math. This was an example of the many tasks that the entire school work together to correct the school in need of improvement status.

Mr. Snyder reviewed the technology program offered by Mrs. Lizier and how they are utilized in the classrooms in all grades. He outlined the Reading Street program and demonstrated how the array of information in the books can be used by all students across all the grades.

Mrs. Dayotis ended the presentation by thanking parents and volunteers who donated three water bubblers for students.

Mr. Mascola inquired if the amount of students identified with a learning disability has reduced since the pre-school program and kindergarten was started. Mrs. Dayotis did confirm there is a reduction and she is confident it will continue.

Mr. Collins asked Mrs. Dayotis to explain the difference between the instruction tiers. Mrs. Dayotis responded:

Tier 1 All children receive instructions

Tier 2 Small group (3-4 students) addressing specific skills for approximately 4 to 6 weeks and then re-evaluate

Tier 3 If a student is still in need of additional assistance they would continue to this tier with additional instruction, as well as students with learning disabilities. The remainder of students would be receiving regular classroom instruction in all subject areas.

The board thanked Mrs. Dayotis and Mr. Snyder for their presentation.

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

Mr. Di Bartolomeo reported the Drama department merits and the shows listed for production this year. He outlined the Music department's successes and noted the increases in student enrollment. He continued to outline the elementary, middle and high school enrollments into the PAC programs.

High School New Courses

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to accept the second reading and adopt the new high school courses for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Collins seconded. With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion passed 9-0-0.

Mr. La Salle noted the challenge for the administration to create new courses. He explained that some courses have a short shelf life and clear a path for the adoption of new curriculum. Students have added their opinion on future courses and he would like to see a system that moves the elective courses through the adoption process. Mrs. DiNola noted that the offering of all these new courses was a major undertaking and thanked Mrs. Takesian for her continued support and hard work.

Policies

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting for a first reading the following policies, he outlined the detail of each policy including last update and any changes.

- EEAG Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students
- JEC Manifest Educational Hardship
- JKAA Use of Restraints
- EBCE Schools Closing
- EDBA Maintenance and Control of Instructional Materials
- JQ Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
- ECE Traffic and Parking Procedures
- EC Building and Grounds Management
- EEA Student Transportation Services
- EE Pupil Transportation

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve the first reading of the following policies, seconded by Mr. Mascola:

- **EEAG Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students**
- **JEC Manifest Educational Hardship**
- **JKAA Use of Restraints**
- **EBCE Schools Closing**
- **EDBA Maintenance and Control of Instructional Materials**
- **JQ Student Fees, Fines, and Charges**

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- EC Building and Grounds Management
- EEA Student Transportation Services
- EE Pupil Transportation

Mr. Baldwin would like to see the language changed in proposed policy EC. He outlined the changes clarifying his request by stating the Superintendent is ultimately responsible for everything within the district and can delegate at his discretion. The discussion continued with Mr. La Salle stating his thoughts have always been that building principals are responsible for their own building. The building principals shall have the approval in all matters at their building with the Superintendent having the final decision, if necessary. Mr. Mascola suggested sending proposed policy EC Building and Grounds Management back to the Policy Committee for review.

Motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Kosta, seconded was withdrawn by Mr., Mascola.

Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve the first reading of the following policies, Mr. Collins seconded.

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- JKAA Use of Restraints
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- EEA Student Transportation Services
- EE Pupil Transportation

With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion carried 9-0-0.

Mrs. Steenson motioned to approve the second reading of the policy JLCJ – Concussions and Head Injuries

Mr. Mascola seconded. Mr. Mascola clarified that the proposed policy was re-checked by the Policy Committee for internal consistency. **With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion carried 9-0-0.**

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle introduced Mr. Stokinger who reviewed the proposed 2012 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant. He clarified it is the responsibility of the Timberlane Regional School Board to present the default budget.

Mr. Baldwin motioned to accept warrant article #3 as presented with the default budget amount of \$62,568,852

Mrs. Kosta seconded. With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion carried 9-0-0.

Madam Chair Aubrey reviewed the candidacy vacancies and filing periods for the School Board and Budget Committee. She highlighted the open positions and reviewed the process for filing for candidacy.

Madam Chair Aubrey announced the March 1, 2012 meeting is scheduled during the spring vacation period and asked the board's wishes to hold, re-schedule or cancel the meeting. She suggested after a brief discussion that the board cancel the meeting but, withhold the right to call a meeting, if necessary.

Mrs. Steenson motioned to cancel the March 1, 2012 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board and reschedule if necessary. Mr. Bealo seconded. With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion carried 8-1-0. (Mr. Collins opposed.)

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirements of:

- Elisabeth Gustavson District Induction with Mentoring Coordinator (23 Yrs with district)
- John Hayes High School Psychologist (16 yrs with district)
- Ann Lake TRMS Gen Sped (20 yrs with district)
- David Morse TRHS Social Studies Teacher (9 yrs with district)
- Karen Sullivan Pollard Enrichment (25 yrs with district)
- Susan Swirbalus Atkinson Grade 3 Teacher (25 yrs with district)
- Carla Wilson Atkinson Grade 1 Teacher (22 yrs with district)

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve with regret the retirement of:

- Elisabeth Gustavson District Induction with Mentoring Coordinator (23 Yrs with district)
- John Hayes High School Psychologist (16 yrs with district)
- Ann Lake TRMS Gen Sped (20 yrs with district)
- David Morse TRHS Social Studies Teacher (9 yrs with district)
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Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion carried with a unanimous vote 9-0-0.

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirement request of Sharon Hasfjord, Sandown North Secretary (20.5 yrs with district).

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to approve with regret the retirement of Sharon Hasfjord, SN Secretary (20.5 yrs with district) Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion Madam Chair Aubrey call the vote, the motion carried with a unanimous vote 9-0-0.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Mascola reported the presentation went well for the Selectman regarding the proposed warrant article on the renovations of the high school athletics area.

Mrs. Kosta informed the public the next Curriculum Committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 at 4pm. She also attended the Plaistow representative presentation regarding the proposed warrant article on Monday.

Mr. Collins attended the PTA and the Danville Selectman meeting and the census was the budget was good and the renovations at the high school are long overdue. He reported the next Community Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for the 19th at 6:30 pm.

Mr. La Salle noted that Mr. Woodworth will be presenting the renovations project information on Monday the 9th at the high school.

Correspondence

Madam Chair Aubrey read a letter from United States Senator's Shaheen and Ayotte and as well as Congressman Guinta regarding the Beebe Oil Superfund Site. Mr. La Salle and Mr. Stokinger reported they attended the town meeting for the Beebe Oil Superfund Site regarding the access route and believe it is a closed issue at this time. They will all work together on this project in the future. He noted a traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Danville Road and Route 121. Mr. La Salle expressed concern that the light could be either a good tool in the flow of traffic or a hindrance. It all depends on the timing of the light. The board expressed their wish that town representatives present publicly to the school board regarding this issue to keep the residents informed.

Vendor and Payroll Check Registers

Done

Other

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to enter into nonpublic session at 9:50PM under RSA 91-A:3,II (c) reputation and/or student matters; seconded by Mrs. Withee. The board was polled:

Aubrey – yes

Baldwin - yes

Bealo - yes

Collins – yes

Kosta – yes

Mascola – yes

Porcelli – yes

Steenon – yes

Withee – yes

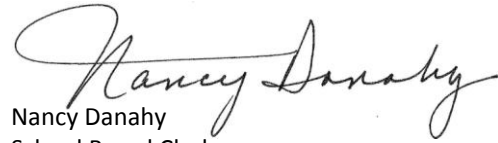
Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to exit into nonpublic session; seconded by Mr. Mascola. The board was polled:

**Aubrey – yes
Baldwin – yes
Bealo – yes
Collins – yes
Kosta – yes
Mascola – yes
Porcelli – yes
Steenon – yes
Withee – yes**

No action was taken in nonpublic session.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Aubrey adjourned the meeting at 10:15 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