

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

**Regular Meeting**  
**February 16, 2012**  
**7:30 PM**

**SAU 55 Office**  
**30 Greenough Road**  
**Plaistow, NH**

**Call to Order**

Madam Chair Aubrey called this February 16, 2012 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:36 PM. Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson, and Mrs. Withee. Absent: Mrs. Kosta.

**Administrators Present**

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education  
Donald Woodworth, Principal of TRHS  
JoAnne Georgian, Principal of Sandown North

**Pledge**

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

**Minutes**

The board reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2012 public meeting and the February 9, 2012 Deliberative Session.

**Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2012 public meeting with changes and the February 9<sup>th</sup> Deliberative Session as written. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed 8-0-0.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

Madam Chair Aubrey read Ms. Kaylyn Ryan, Community Agent's report regarding the Student Council fund raising activities which included selling tickets for the Fisher Cats game to be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, with the top seller of the tickets throwing out the first pitch of the game. She announced the New Hampshire Association of Student Council conference will be held at Pinkerton Academy on March 18<sup>th</sup>. She noted tonight's activity, The Mr. Timberlane contest as well as the Fun Festival in March and the Big Buddy Little Buddy program scheduled for May.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Department Report**

**Youth Educational Employment Services (YEES)**

Mr. Woodworth, Principal of Timberlane Regional High School introduced James Perry co-owner of the YEES program and Dylan Mullin. The YEES program has been in the high school since 2009 and currently supports 17 or 18 at-risk students on a regular basis. The program supports the student, their family, their education and, if necessary, their employment outside of school. This is a positive support program that assists with students when they report to

(JPPO) hearings. They perform curfew checks, support treatment plans with specific goals and transport students as needed. Mr. La Salle pointed out that the program provides logs to the Superintendent seven days a week which include the weekends.

### **Safety Resource Officer (SRO)**

Mr. Baldwin excused himself from the board and took a seat alongside of Master Patrolwoman Marsilia as her supervisor for the Plaistow Police Department. Mr. Woodworth reported that the SRO and YEES programs work together to support all students at the high school. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the history of the SRO program that began nine years ago within the district. He outlined how the school and law enforcement worked together for the best interest of all students; they foster positive relationships with students and their families, handling situations as they arise.

Officer Marsilia reported that she is part of the culture of the high school and she sometimes provides counseling for students in law based programs or to students who request guidance for specific situations that they have encountered. She has participated in mock trials, and discussions regarding search and seizure with students of law related classes. She maintains the logistics of the parking for the high school staff and students as well as the flow of traffic each day. She presents herself as an approachable professional that works with students. She enjoys being involved with students as well as their extra curriculum work and fund raising.

Officer Marsilia presented logs of the past five months of her enforcement tasks and school related activities. Mr. Baldwin explained the importance that the public understand the SRO program is a proactive program for the district. He asked that students, parents, staff and community residents should feel free to ask her questions as she supports all students, parents, staff and residents.

### **Blue Ribbon Report**

JoAnne Georgian, Principal of Sandown North, presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the criteria, application process, and winning of the National Blue Ribbon School award. This prestigious award is given by the US Department of Education for a school that is a model of excellence and student achievement from which others can take inspiration. The school staff has demonstrated that, working together, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and community leaders can nurture all students to reach their full potential.

She noted the journey began with the lengthy application process in December of 2010. She outlined the focus on teamwork, commitment to celebrating learning, on-going communication, with all staff creating an engaging positive culture. She noted that they have passionate educators that are innovative and create a culture that inspires everyone to live up to their full potential.

On September 15, 2011 the United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan designated Sandown North Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2011. Three hundred fifteen schools in the nation, both public and private were chosen for this prestigious award, but Sandown North was the only New Hampshire school selected.

Representatives from the school were invited to Washington, DC to accept the award. Mrs. Georgian and Mrs. Carol White, Teacher at Sandown North attended the presentation

ceremonies. They outlined what it means to be a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School. Since they have achieved something outstanding and have the responsibility to hold up high standards and to share practices honestly and with humility. Their responsibility is to present locally, on state level, and nationally. They need to be willing to serve as mentor to other schools in the state. They need to be an ambassador of the United States Department of Education. They will always to a **“2011 Blue Ribbon School.”**

### **Change in agenda**

Mr. Collins asked the board if they would consider hearing the Community Stakeholders Committee presentation next since residents have requested the board allow them to comment on this item. The board agreed by consensus and the agenda was modified.

### **Community Stakeholders Committee**

Mr. Collins stated that he requested consideration for this committee to encourage more community involvement as he believes that the middle school report card issue would benefit from resident involvement. Madam Chair Aubrey noted that Mr. Hogan indicated he would be organizing a committee to review the report card criteria. Mr. Collins noted this committee would be a board committee. He suggested that Mr. Hogan’s committee should present their ideas to the board’s committee as a think tank for a well rounded opinion. Mr. Mascola suggested that qualified staff should be allowed to develop the best practices. Mr. Collins suggested board committee would be the best to review the middle school’s options for changes to the report cards. Mr. Porcelli stated that board members should not be on the board committee since they will be reporting to the board. Mr. Mascola agreed but Mr. Collins disagreed stating that some board members have students in the middle school and may want to be on the committee. Mrs. Withee noted she feels that the board may be intruding in on a situation that they do not need to address. Mr. Collins stated that he would not want Mr. Hogan to present an option for the middle school that parents are not happy with and the committee would be constructive in understanding what parents would like to see in a report card.

Mr. Springer, a Danville resident, stated he would like to see parents included in the report card solution. He would like to have a system in place to show parents how their children are performing and have a good understanding of the grading process. Mrs. Steenson, Mr. Mascola and Mr. Bealo stated they would like to have parents included and believe it would be a benefit to the process.

Superintendent La Salle noted that sometimes allowing the process to develop over time provides the best results. He advised that the administration has the duty to generate excitement with staff and this has been accomplished at the middle school. Mr. Hogan presented by himself at the last board meeting to keep the excitement and passion alive with the staff.

He went on to say the staff is engaged and excited; they continue to work hard to find a solution for the report cards with the same passion they have to engage students. The staff continues to do their best practices and due diligence during this growth process. He asked if they would allow the team at the middle school to organize their committee and continue the growth process. He reminded board members that changes have to go through a process. He asked that the board allow the Middle School team, who has encouraged this positive change,

to work and find the best method for the report cards. The team would like to provide the same information for all which means creating a hybrid for the reporting of grades.

Mrs. Springer from Danville stated that Mr. Hogan has solicited parents to be part of this team committee. She acknowledged that the middle school staff has certainly accomplished the standards based learning but parents have not caught up on the reporting. She would like to hear students view on this issue.

Mrs. Withee would like to provide Mr. Hogan the opportunity to find the solution since he has recognized the issue and has started to organize a committee that includes parents and staff. The board agreed and asked that Mr. Hogan be put on the next agenda to report on this process of the committee he has organized. Mr. Springer stated he would like to see the past nine quarters honor roll listed on the website; he feels it is a valuable reference tool.

### **School Calendar**

Superintendent La Salle informed that board that policy governs the start date of the school year and that the board would have to consider waiving policy if they wanted to change the start date.

Mrs. Killen reviewed the first two drafts presented and noted the early release days and the need for training. Superintendent La Salle presented draft three as well as the Timberlane Teachers Association's (TTA) draft four. It was noted that since the 2012-2013 school year will be an election year, and a large turnout for voting at elementary schools is expected, a professional development day will be held on Election Day.

Superintendent La Salle would like to set the graduation date for this year at the next school board meeting.

### **Policies**

Mr. La Salle presented the following policies for a second reading and adoption by the board:

- EA Support Services Goals (Repeal)
- EBAA Reporting of Hazards
- EC Building and Grounds Management
- EJ Computer Services
- FA Facilities Development Goals
- FB Facilities Planning
- FBB Enrollment Projections
- FEA Enrollment Projections
- FEH Supervision of Construction
- GCG Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment

**Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve the second reading and adoption of policies**

- EBAA Reporting of Hazards
- EC Building and Grounds Management
- EJ Computer Services
- FA Facilities Development Goals
- FB Facilities Planning
- FBB Enrollment Projections

- FEA Enrollment Projections
- FEH Supervision of Construction
- GCG Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
- And repeal EA Support Services Goals (Repeal)

**Mr. Porcelli seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 8-0-0.**

### **Administrators Report**

None

### **Personnel**

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignation of Sean Kiley, High School Assistant Principal effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year with 9 years with the district.

**Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the resignation of Sean Kiley, High School Assistant Principal with appreciation. Mr. Baldwin seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with a unanimous vote 8-0-0.**

### **Committee and Reports of the School Board**

Mr. Mascola attended the Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Collins asked for the board's approval of the School Board Notes presented this evening. He also asked that the board consider approving a check for Loral Press in the amount of \$1,614.40 for postage and printing.

**Mr. Collins motioned to approve volume 3 of the School Board Notes with edits and authorize a check up to \$1,614.40 to Loral Press for printing and postage; seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion the motion passes unanimously (8-0-0).**

Mr. Bealo requested Superintendent La Salle send the School Board Notes to all staff. Mr. Collins presented the School Board self evaluation for consideration by the board. He would like Mrs. Belcher to use Google Docs to collect and compile the evaluation data.

**Mr. Collins motioned to approve the School Board evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion the motion passes unanimously (8-0-0).**

Mr. Porcelli attended the PTA meeting in Sandown. Mr. Baldwin informed the public that this is his last meeting; he was honored to serve the great residents of the district for the last three years. He thanked the residents and his fellow board members.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Vendor and Payroll Check Registers**

Done

### **Other**

**Motion: Mr. Baldwin motioned to enter into nonpublic session at 10:50 PM under RSA 91-A:3,II (c) reputation and student matters; seconded by Mr. Bealo. The board was polled:**

**Aubrey – yes**

**Baldwin - yes**  
**Bealo – yes**  
**Collins – yes**  
**Mascola – yes**  
**Porcelli – yes**  
**Steenson – yes**  
**Withee – yes**

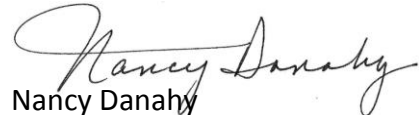
**Motion: Mrs. Steenson motioned to exit into nonpublic session; seconded by Mr. Mascola.**  
**The board was polled:**

**Aubrey – yes**  
**Baldwin – yes**  
**Bealo – yes**  
**Collins – yes**  
**Mascola – yes**  
**Porcelli – yes**  
**Steenson – yes**  
**Withee – yes**

The board exited non-public session at 11:26 PM. No action was taken in nonpublic session.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Aubrey adjourned the meeting at 11:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk