

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

Regular Meeting
February 2, 2012
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Aubrey called the February 2, 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, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Ms. Obi.

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Donald Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Mrs. Barcelos, Principal of Danville Elementary
Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. Gaydos, Principal of Pollard School
Mr. Hogan, Principal of TRMS
Mrs. Moriarty, SPED Dept Chair, TRHS

Pledge

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

Minutes

The board reviewed the public minutes of the January 12th Public Hearing and meeting after as well as January 19, 2012 public meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2012 Public Hearing and meeting after as well as the January 19, 2012 public meeting with changes. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed 8-0-1 (Mr. Baldwin abstained)

Delegations and Individuals

Ms. Kaylyn Ryan, Community Agent reported on Student Council fund raising activities which include selling single flowers (a rose or carnation) to be delivered to a student on Valentine's Day. Members of the Student Council are also selling tickets for a Fisher Cats game to be held on May 10th. Tickets will be \$10 each and the top seller of tickets will throw out the first pitch. She continued to report the New Hampshire Association of Student Council will meet at Pinkerton Academy on March 18th for workshops and collaboration with council members from other districts. This year Mr. Timberlane will compete in the Mr. Southern New Hampshire contest as well. A few fun activities for students will include the fun festival on March 10th and Big Buddy Little Buddy that may be re-scheduled to May 8th. Please watch for the confirmation of the new scheduled date.

Current Business

Public Hearing on Donation

Mr. Robert Nadeau, representing the Knights of Columbus, was recognized for his tenacious efforts on behalf of the "Tootsie Roll" drive that provides people with intellectual disabilities. Mr. Nadeau has been Chairman of the Knights of Columbus drive since 2005 increasing donations each year. He presented donations of \$1,000 to Atkinson Academy, Danville Elementary, Pollard School and the high school. The middle school received \$500.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to accept the donations from the Knights of Columbus on behalf of Atkinson Academy, Danville Elementary, Pollard School, and the Middle and High schools. Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote 9-0-0.

Football Boosters Update

Ms. Heather David, President of the Timberlane Football Boosters, updated the board on the sponsorship program which was approved for one year by the board. Ms. David reported the program's success from the start and how well received it was by the local businesses. She reviewed the sponsorship pledges;

- 3 Platinum sponsors
- 8 Gold sponsors
- 1 Silver sponsor

The sponsorships provided game day giveaways including pompoms, game schedules, mini footballs, etc. One sponsor provided a giveaway for every Timberlane Touchdown, super fan t-shirts were thrown to the fans in the stands. All the games were exciting and enjoyed by my students, parents and the community.

Most importantly Timberlane Football Boosters gave back to the community. They supported the New Hampshire Special Olympics by donating \$1,525 which was 5% of the net proceeds. They also supported a young football player, Cooper Doucette, who was paralyzed playing football for the Nashua High School. The players and their families purchased 65 tickets to a Fisher Cats game in August where they honored this young man on the field. Also, they supported the Susan B. Komen Foundation and had a food pantry drive in November to support the Holy Angels Food Pantry.

Through their fund raising efforts they were able to buy new equipment for the football team and, in conjunction with a donation from the Timberlane Tornadoes, they purchased a five-man sled and ground chute as well as a number of scrimmage jerseys for the team. At the end of the school year they were able to provide jackets for all the players for the freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve the Timberlane Regional High School Football Boosters sponsorship program for the 2012 school year. Mr. Baldwin seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with a unanimous vote 8-0-0.

Timberlane Regional Middle School

Madam Chair Aubrey reviewed the conduct at a board meeting for all since seven residents have submitted their request to speak on agenda item 6c. She explained that Mr. Hogan will present his presentation followed by an opportunity for the residents to present their views on the subject matter.

Mr. Hogan updated the board on the standards-based assessment at the middle school. He noted that the assessment is aligned with the Timberlane Regional School District Strategic Plan. He reviewed the middle school curriculum, instruction and assessment. He noted the traditional grading measures and the standards-based assessments.

He reviewed the instruction that is aligned to drive the learning process and how the assessments model ties into the model. He noted teachers have honed their instructional skills which encourage student's engagement. Students are well informed using a summative assessment and a four point rubric which is shaping and re-shaping instruction to fit students until students are learning and understanding the standards.

Currently the middle school produces both traditional and standards based report cards. Mr. Hogan noted the two reporting methods do not marry well and is seeking a solution to the issue. His next steps are to use a consultant, survey students, staff and parents to help find an acceptable reporting solution. He noted that common core curriculum is here and the middle school is ready and on point. Mr. La Salle stated that a hybrid system should be developed so parents, students and teachers understand both assessments.

Parents from throughout the district stated their concerns on how to use the report card or assessment tool to guide their children as they move grow academically. They want to understand the methods used for assessment model. Their concern is the inconsistent method to evaluate "exceed standards" as opposed to "meets standards." They are asking for additional communication relating to understanding how the assessment works. Students are not universality instructed on how to meet the "exceeds standards" mark and they want to be aware of how this assessment transitions to colleges.

Mr. Collins explained how he utilizes both the report card and the assessment to guide his child. He explained the report card breaks down into stages of learning to which he will use as an executive summary. When he wishes to understand a specific grade he uses the assessment to pinpoint the area(s). He is then able to best guide his child. He asked Mr. Hogan to report back to the board after the survey is complete.

Mr. La Salle reported that the Timberlane Regional Middle School won Middle School of the year last year and now is deemed a "Spotlight School." He noted that a spotlight school is a school that is doing the best practices for middle school students and all middle schools should emulate their practices.

Policies

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

- EA Support Service Goals
 - *Repeal recommended no such policy is necessary per New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA)*
- EBAA Reporting of Hazards
 - Last updated in 1999
- EC Building and Grounds Management
 - *Remanded to Policy Committee to clarify oversight responsibility or District.*
- EJ Computer Services
 - *Policy is outdated and obsolete, up for repeal*

- FA Facilities Development Goals
 - *Last updated in 1998*
- FB Facilities Planning
 - *Last updated 1998*
- FBB Enrollment Projections
 - Last updated 1998
- FEA Educational Specifications
 - Last updated 1998
- FEH Supervision
 - Last updated in 1998
- GCG Part Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
 - Updated to reflect current practices

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the first reading and repeal of EJ of the following policies:

- EA Support Service
- EBAA Reporting Hazards
- EC Building and Grounds Management
- EJ Computer Services
- FA Facilities Development Goals
- FB Facilities Planning
- FBB Enrollment Projection
- FEA Educational Specifications
- FEH Supervision of Construction
- GCG Part time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment

Mrs. Kosta seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 9-0-0.

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle reported the testing of the ground at the high school was completed and the ground is good for construction.

Mr. Collins presented the house and senate bills currently being considered. The board reviewed each bill and thanked Mr. Collins for his thorough work. Madam Chair Aubrey noted Mr. Collins certainly exceeded standards when he created this report.

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignation of:

James Jenkins TRHS English Teacher 11 years with the district

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve the resignation of James Jenkins. Mr. Baldwin seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with a unanimous vote 9-0-0.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Collins attended the Community Relations Committee and provided to the board a draft of the School Board Notes for their review. Mr. Porcelli attended two of the Republican committee meetings in where Mr. La Salle presented the proposed renovations of the high school. Mr. Bealo attended the Technology Committee meeting.

Correspondence

Done

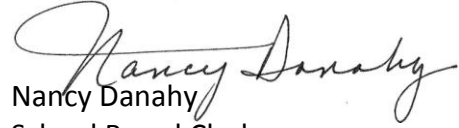
Vendor and Payroll Check Registers

Done

Other

With no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 10:35 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