

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

Regular Meeting
March 15, 2012
7:55 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Chairman Collins called this March 15, 2012 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:55 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Barczak, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Steenson, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Ms. Obi.

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Winfried Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Scott Strange, Director of Secondary Education
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Donald Woodworth, Principal of Timberlane Regional High School

Minutes

The board reviewed the public and non-public minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the public and non-public meeting minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting as written. Mrs. Kosta seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a vote 7-0-2 (Mr. Barczak and Mrs. Kosta abstained).

Current Business

Review of Election Results

Chairman Collins reviewed the results of the March 13th election overall and welcomed the newly elected School Board members, Mr. Barczak from Sandown, Mrs. Delfino from Atkinson and returning member, Mrs. Kosta from Plaistow. He acknowledged the new Budget Committee member, Mr. Weymouth, and would report on the write in votes (not yet available) at the next meeting scheduled for April 5, 2012.

Spanish Trip Request

Mrs. Amy O'Leary, World Language Department Lead Teacher at TRHS, requested permission to travel with students to Spain April 20 to April 27, 2012. The trip will include stops in Madrid, Toledo and Segovia.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve the trip to Spain departing April 20th and return on the 27th of April, 2012 as presented. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

Hawaii Trip Request

Mr. Scott Strange, Director of Secondary Education, requested permission to travel to Hawaii with students April 19 through April 28, 2012. The trip will include visits to Honolulu, Arizona Memorial Museum and Big Island Volcano National Park. Students will perform community service projects and shadow students at Waialua High School and Kamehameha Campus.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve the trip to Hawaii departing April 19 and returning on April 28th, 2012 as presented. Mrs. Steenson seconded.

Mr. Barczak inquired into the funding of this trip to which Mr. Strainge indicated the students had raised funds during the year. **With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).**

Donation to Purchase Laptop for Athletic Department

Mr. La Salle presented a donation from the football booster's in the amount of \$587 to purchase a laptop for the Athletic Department.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to approve the acceptance of a donation from the football boosters in the amount of \$587 for the purchase of a laptop. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

Graduation Date

Mr. La Salle presented the issues surrounding the concerns in setting the graduation date at this time. Winter weather is still a concern which could affect the graduation date. Discussion regarding school year hours and days as well as the option for a Saturday class/breakfast for seniors transpired. Mr. Woodworth reassured if a Saturday class was necessary District records historically reflects high student attendance. Mrs. Delfino noted as a parent of a senior, the decision would be appreciated sooner rather than later so plans may be made.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to postpone setting the 2012 graduation date until the next meeting on April 5th. Mrs. Delfino seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

School Calendar

District teachers, Mrs. Susan Sherman, Mrs. Linda Walsh and Mrs. Kathleen Sherman-DeRoche presented their opinions relative to the 2012-13 school calendar, toting their own version (TTA Draft) which they indicated would be best for the students. They express concern for the number of early release days and the difficulty for the middle and high school students to implement them. Chairman Collins noted that elementary report cards seem to be lengthy and staff may need more time to complete them. Mrs. Killen reassured the board that the elementary report cards do not require additional time to complete. She explained parent-teacher conferences are shifting away from report cards and are now centering on a child's strengths and the process of working on their weaknesses. She noted that they have a large task to accomplish, all teachers must be well versed in common core standards and the early release days and professional development will be used to accomplish this task. The other alternative would be to have substitutes cover classes while teachers attend training.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to agree to stay with policy IC/ICA begin school after the Labor Day holiday. Mr. Mascola seconded. The Chair called the vote of the motion which passed by a vote 7-2-0. (Mr. Collins and Mrs. Steenson opposed.)

Mr. La Salle explained that minimum standards nationwide will consume many professional development and early release days. The District must be aware of that need and provide ample time to prepare for the changes. Mr. Strainge noted that an acceptable solution would be provided for middle and high school students during early release days. Mrs. Sherman-DeRoche noted that consideration of teacher planning time needs to be addressed as well. Mrs. Killen suggested an early release day in March be added to proposed 2012-13 Calendar draft number three for consideration. Chairman Collins inquired if the added day would be provided for elementary staff in consideration of the extra time he feels the teachers may need for the report cards. Mrs. Killen reaffirmed that elementary staff do not need additional time to work on report cards as this time would be for common core training.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to eliminate draft number 1. Mrs. Kosta seconded. The Chair called the vote of the motion which failed by a vote 4-5-0. (Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Kosta, Mr.

Mascola, Mrs. Delfino, Mr. Bealo opposed.)

Early release day schedules were discussed; Mr. Strainge noted that arrangements would be made to accommodate early release days at the middle and high school level. Mr. La Salle reminded the board that lunch must be provided to students on early release days.

Mrs. Kate Sherman-DeRoche noted that teachers must have prep time during early release days. Mrs. Killen suggested adding an early release day on March 29th to draft "3"; Mr. Collins would like to see an early release day for teachers for the preparation of report cards and or meet with parents.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to amend draft number 3 of the proposed 2012-2013 School Year Calendar with an added early release day March 29th, 2013 with an amendment to retain the length of classes. Mrs. Aubrey seconded.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to amend the motion on the floor by adding an early release day to be retained as teacher prep time. Mr. Mascola seconded. Having no further discussion the Chair called for a vote on the amendment, which passed with a vote of 8-1-0 (Mrs. Kosta opposed.)

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Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve draft number 3 of the proposed 2012-2013 School Year Calendar. Mr. Barczak seconded.

Motion: Mrs. Steenson motioned to amend the motion on the floor to change Professional Development Day from May 24th to April 19th on draft number 3 of the proposed 2012-2013 School Year Calendar. Mr. Bealo seconded. Having no further discussion the Chair called for a vote on the amendment, which failed with a vote of 3-6-0 (Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Barczak, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola and Mrs. Withee opposed).

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to amend the motion on the floor by changing the early release day from October 25th to a date to the last week of November. Mrs. Steenson seconded. Discussion:

Mrs. Killen responded to Mr. Collins suggestions that class time was taken in preparation of NECAP tests. She stated real learning for all students are from day one throughout the school year. NECAP testing results are a tool that is used and does not dominate the curriculum. It is a minimum amount of intrusion into the class time. Teachers' input is considered when making these decisions. **Having no further discussion the Chair called for a vote on the amendment, which failed with a vote of 1-7-1 (Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Barczak, Mr. Bealo, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola and Mrs. Withee opposed, Mrs. Steen abstained).**

Having no further discussion the Chair called for a vote on the motion on the floor which passed with a vote of 6-3-0 (Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Collins opposed).

Policies

Mr. Feneberg reviewed the following policies for a first reading consideration:

FL	Retirement of Facilities
GAA	Administrative Staff
GBB	Staff Involvement in Decision Making
GCO	Evaluation of Professional Staff
GCOA	Evaluation of Professional Staff, recommended for repeal

HF	Board Negotiating Agents
HG	Superintendent's Role in Negotiations
IHAMB	Teaching About Self-Protection
IHBBA	Limited English Proficiency Instruction

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Mrs. Kosta seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

Committee Assignments

Chairman Collins requested Board members email him with their requests for committee assignments. He suggested that each committee nominate their own chair of the committee. He also directed board training requests be submitted to Mrs. Belcher.

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle yielded the floor to Mr. Stokinger who informed the Board that the next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2012 to begin at 7PM at the SAU office.

Personnel

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting the retirement of Susan Culver, TRMS Guidance Counselor who has been with the district for eight years.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to accept the retirement of Susan Culver, TRMS Guidance Counselor. Mrs. Aubrey seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting the retirement of Elizabeth Noel, TRHS Licensed Nursing Assistant who has been with the district for 23 years.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the retirement of Elizabeth Noel, Licensed Nursing Assistance. Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting the resignation of Paul Cardone, PE Teacher at the High School.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept the resignation of Paul Cardone, Teacher TRHS. Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote (9-0-0).

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mrs. Aubrey and Mrs. Steenson attended the Facilities and Safety committee meeting. Mrs. Withee also attended the Facilities meeting and reported that the minutes are on the website for all to view. Mrs. Kosta attended the Policy Committee meeting with Mr. Mascola.

Correspondence

None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Other

Ms. Obi reported on scheduled fundraisers as well as the track and wrestling teams. Chairman Collins informed the public that the annual reports are on online for their review and hard copies are available at each town hall.

Mrs. Kosta motioned to enter into a nonpublic session at 10:00 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation and student matters; seconded by Mr. Mascola. The board was polled:

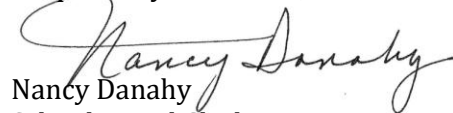
- Aubrey-yes
- Barczak-yes
- Bealo-yes
- Collins-yes
- Delfino-yes
- Kosta-yes
- Mascola-yes
- Steenson-yes
- Withee-yes

Mrs. Kosta motioned to exit into a nonpublic session at 10:25 pm; seconded by Mr. Mascola. The board was polled:

- Aubrey-yes
- Barczak-yes
- Bealo-yes
- Collins-yes
- Delfino-yes
- Kosta-yes
- Mascola-yes
- Steenson-yes
- Withee-yes

Having no further business before the board Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk