

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

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Regular Meeting
September 15, 2011
7:30 PM

Call to Order

Madam Chair Aubrey called this September 15, 2011 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Lori Aubrey, Peter Bealo, Robert Collins (7:40 pm), Michael Mascola, Louis Porcelli, Nancy Steenson, and Lisa Withee

Board Members Absent

William Baldwin and Elizabeth Kosta

Student in attendance

Sierra Obi

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of School
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Michelle Gaydos, Principal of Pollard School
Michele Vance, Assistant of Pollard School
Jo-Ann Georgian, Principal of Sandown North

Pledge

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

Minutes

The board reviewed the public and non-public minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to approve the public meeting and the non-public minutes of the September 1, 2011 meetings. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Delegate and Individuals

Kaylyn Ryan, Community Agent reported on student council activities which included potential dates for Kids Night Out. She reviewed the schedule for the open house event and spirit week. Sierra Obi, Timberlane Regional School Board Student Representative, reported on team sports and current music auditions.

Current Business

Department Report – Pollard School

Mrs. Gaydos, Principal of Pollard School introduced Mrs. Vance the new Assistant Principal of Pollard School. She presented a PowerPoint presentation on the start of the school year which included kindergarten and Meet the Teacher night. She highlighted the renovated kitchen and invited the school board to their fall celebration dinner to view the kitchen. She then reviewed the plans for a school in need of improvement (SINI) with upcoming expectations and current accomplishments.

Breaking News

Mr. La Salle introduced Mrs. Georgian, the Principal of Sandown North, who reported the United States

Department of Education has named Sandown North as a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School. This is the highest academic award for schools and she thanked the parents, community and everyone who support the school.

District Progress Report

Mrs. Killen reported on the District in Need of Improvement (DINI) plan that is being developed by a team which includes community members, parents, teachers and administrators. She reviewed the process and how the team is developing the plan. Mr. Collins inquired if the same process is used in all the SINI schools to which Mrs. Killen confirmed. Upon his further inquiry, she indicated this process could be used for all of the schools regardless of their SINI or DINI status, and has envisioned such. It was agreed that another testing tool is necessary for a comprehensive assessment of students.

Policies

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

- BBAB Roles and Duties of the School Board Chair
- BEDG Minutes
- DIA Fund Balances
- GBE Employee Rights and Responsibilities
- GBEA Staff Ethics
- GBEAA Staff Conflict of Interest
- GBEBA Dress Code
- GDG Support Staff Ethics/Letter of Agreement
- GDM Support Staff Development Opportunities
- GDO Support Staff – Performance Evaluation Program
- GDP-R Support Staff Ethics – Performance Evaluation Program (procedure)

Mr. Stokinger requested **DI- Fund Balances** be pulled from the list stating he would need to add one more fund balance to the policy before it is accepted and adopted. The board agreed.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve sending policy DIA- Fund balances back to the policy committee for review, seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the revised list of 9 policies and 1 procedure for second reading, seconded by Mrs. Steenson. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle introduced Mr. Stokinger who presented information regarding the upcoming budget season. He reported that two of three tours of school facilities have been completed with the remaining tour to be held prior to the joint budget and school board meeting scheduled for October 13th. He noted the presentations at the joint meeting will again be in summary format and lead to the detail budget process.

Mr. La Salle reviewed a progress report of the past five years which included technology, kindergarten, title one SPED program aligned with classroom instructions, walk through evaluations and curriculum in the elementary and secondary levels. He reviewed the legal calendar set for the 2011-2012 school year that was included in the packets of each school board member.

Mr. Stokinger announced that District Treasurer Patricia Macomber has accepted the position of Treasurer for the town of Plaistow and has tendered her resignation to the District. He thanked her for her seven years of dedicated service. He then recommended the board support the nomination of Paul Sullivan to fill the vacancy. Mr. Sullivan is a resident of Atkinson, former Selectman, volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician and served on the town budget committee. He is recommended by both local residents and professional references.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the nomination of Paul Sullivan as District Treasurer, seconded by

Mrs. Withee. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended the board nominate Binaghi Renzo to the position of TRHS Director of Evening Division & Continuing Education.

Motion: Mr. Porcelli motioned to accept the nomination of Binaghi Renzo at the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. La Salle recommended the board nominate Mary Widman to the position of TRHS Assistant Principal.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the nomination of Mary Widman at the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. La Salle recommended the board accept the retirements of:

Robert Crossman Pollard Custodian effective 8/31/2011 31 Years with the District

John Defeo Atkinson Custodian effective 11/30/2011 22 years with the District

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept with regret the retirements of Robert Crossman and John Defeo at the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mr. Bealo seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Ms. Obi expressed her appreciation of the teaching style and caring personality of Mrs. Widman and supports her promotion to Assistant Principal.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Porcelli reported the Spring Convention in Boston for school board members is a valuable learning opportunity and he supports members attending this convention. Mr. Collins reported that the next Community Relations meeting will be held on October 6th. Mrs. Withee chaired the Facilities Committee meeting and the minutes are posted on the website for the board's review. She highlighted the upcoming tour schedule. Mr. Mascola attended the Budget Committee meeting and inquired if major repair items could be videotaped for the public consideration. He also attended the facilities tour and noted the wonderful job the custodians have done over the summer months with each school. Mrs. Aubrey attended the Safety Committee meeting and recapped the items addressed. She noted the next meeting is scheduled for December 13th at the SAU office at 10:15 am.

Mr. La Salle expressed his concern for the athletic areas of the high school that are in need of repair. These projects include the locker room as well as structural issues in the mini gym area. The later project would require architect and engineering direction and may require short term bonding to address.

Correspondence

None

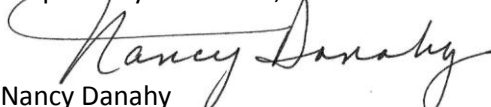
Vendor and Payroll

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Other

Ms. Obi reported an issue with the website for early graduation; she noted the credit count may be off. She asked the count be verified. Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Aubrey adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk