

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

Regular Meeting
November 17, 2011
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Aubrey called this November 17, 2011 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:35 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Collins (7:50 PM), Mrs. Kosta (8:15 PM), Mr. Mascola, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Ms. Obi. Absent: Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Bealo.

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
George Stokinger, Business Administrator

Pledge

Ms. Obi led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The board reviewed the public and nonpublic minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the public and nonpublic (sessions I and II) minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting as presented. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed 5-0-0. Madam Chair Aubrey then directed Mrs. Danahy to collect the nonpublic session I minutes.

The board reviewed the November 3, 2011 public meeting minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to accept the November 3, 2011 public meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed 5-0-0.

Delegations and Individuals

Ms. Kaylyn Ryan, Community Agent reported on Lead and Waterville conferences where ideas were shared, Trick-o-Can event collected 674 cans to be donated to Plaistow food pantry. The Student Council has plans to assist the Mealey's Meals project with a basket raffle, basketball game and pancake breakfast. Ms. Obi announced All States will be held this coming weekend (band, orchestra, chorus), and reported on fundraising efforts currently undergoing by honor societies for various causes.

Current Business

Budget

Mr. Stokinger reported on the latest proposed 2013 budget of \$63,004,592 which reflects an increase of .04% over last year's budget. He noted the expense codes report is broken down by expenses and then reviewed the expense account differences between years, noting benefits, repairs, and facilities. Mr. La Salle reiterated that the overall proposed budget is up by .04% reflecting no major increases. The top three contributors to the increase are professional services, equipment (e-readers for Freshman Academy) and informational resource software; most other increases are modest.

Fielding board inquiries, Mr. La Salle stated that the original request for e-readers was modified from 85 to 30 readers. He went on to report they will undergo a pilot program at the kindergarten level using tablets and will report back to the board on that experience.

Discussion continued on PTSA meetings at the high and middle schools, reinstating of library assistant positions, number of budget cuts in the proposed budget, and decrease in teacher payroll due to several position cuts. Mr. Collins specifically requested a cost estimate to reinstate all positions. Regarding the warrant, all articles will be presented in an informational format and made available to the public.

Policies

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

- EDC Authorized Use of School Owned Materials
- EEAF Special Use of School Buses
- JLC Student Health Services
- JLCD Administering Medication to Students

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

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Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Goals

Board members entered into discussion relative to the School Board goals approved by the board in April of this year. Members requested that acronyms be spelled out (goal #2), and more information be provided about the RTI (Response to Instruction) and credit recovery programs along with regular updates. It was noted that goal #4 is impacted by state funding and that clarification of which buildings are being considered for construction and renovation should be made. Timing for warrant article consideration was discussed. Both goals # 5 and 6 were targeted for changes to the text; however, the progress of those goals was noted as good/very good. Review of goal #7 prompted the inquiry into the cost to include the elementary schools in the accreditation with NEASC. The discussion ended with the acknowledgement that committees have not undergone evaluations (goal #8) along with ideas for a self-evaluation process.

Administrators Report

None

Personnel

None

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Board members reported on their associated committees: Mr. Mascola – Budget Committee and department meetings with Elementary and Athletics; Mrs. Withee – Curriculum; Mrs. Kosta – Curriculum (STEM Science, Technology, English and Mathematics); Mr. Collins – Community Relations (next meeting in December) and Budget (next meeting on Tuesday); Mr. Porcelli – Curriculum.

Discussion transpired on the possibility of establishing a calendar committee to review and research changes to the school calendar. It was noted that SAU 55 is tied to Salem and Pinkerton. Further discussion is needed.

Correspondence

Madam Chair Aubrey reported on correspondence received relative to a recent policy adoption.

Vendor and Payroll Check Registers

Done

Other

Personnel cuts and holds were discussed. Positions on hold are currently funded in 2013 proposed budget.

Motion: Mrs. Kosta motioned to enter into nonpublic session at 8:45 PM under RSA 91-A:3,II (c) reputation and student matters; seconded by Mr. Mascola. The board was polled:

**Aubrey – yes
Collins – yes
Kosta – yes
Mascola – yes
Porcelli – yes
Stenson – yes
Withee – yes**

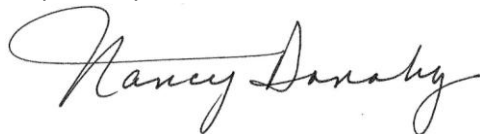
Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to exit into nonpublic session; seconded by Mr. Mascola. The board was polled:

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

The board exited non-public session at 9:30 PM. No action was taken in nonpublic session.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Aubrey adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk