

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

Regular Meeting
January 20, 2011
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Order

Vice-Chair Aubrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office and announced that due to a lack of quorum this session shall be deemed a non-meeting and will move ahead with informational agenda items only until a quorum is present.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Withee and Mr. Briggs (Student Representative)

Board members not in attendance

Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli and Mrs. Steenson

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent
Mr. Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Strainge, Director of Secondary Education
Mr. Hogan, Principal of TRMS
Mr. Holland, Director of Technology

Pledge

Vice-Chair Aubrey led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not considered for approval at this time due to the lack of quorum.

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council Report

Student Council Member Nick Delfino reported student council members attended a regional meeting on anti-bullying at Salem High School. The Mr. Southern New Hampshire contest was won by this year's Mr. Timberlane, Doug Lecours, and the event raised \$300 for the New Hampshire Food Bank.

School Report

Mr. Briggs, TRSB Student Representative, reported a positive stress free end to the first semester. He then reported on the winter sports and student activities, highlighting the Timberlane Invitation scheduled for this weekend.

Current Business

Strategic Plan

Mr. Feneberg announced the Strategic Plan's second annual progress report will be presented in PowerPoint presentations by Mr. Hogan, Mr. Holland and students. Mr. Hogan's presentation reported on the core values, community projects, technology, Response to Intervention and the professional learning communities of each school throughout the district. Mr. Holland demonstrated the technology used by teachers and students to support 21st century skills. He introduced Mrs. Gena Richards, teacher at the Middle School who informed the board about a student project supported by NASA called the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL). The project provides educational materials that can be used to study the next Mars mission by simulating the actual MSL mission in a team setting using technology integration. Activities include design, building, and programming of a Lego assembly robot. Students can then participate in the Mars Student Imaging project by using Google Mars to access geographic locations to identify a safe landing area. Students can create and narrate MSL mission video animation using Windows Movie Maker. This project integrates with the current curriculum framework.

Mr. Holland explained that a standard kit is sent from NASA to students. The students then customize the design of the robot and then it is mobilized by a computer program the students create. Alexa Plentzas and Kevin Healey, students from the middle school demonstrated their MSL project by mobilizing their robot by commands entered into the Windows program.

Mr. La Salle reported on the performance of the district by presenting data from 2005-2006 to 2009-10 that supports the district's five year Strategic Plan. The data included NECAP and SAT testing as well as AP scores. He noted most areas show a positive growth over 10% in the past five years and a 20% growth in mathematics. He reported that the growth was on a constant straight line pattern which is unusual since growth is typically reflected in spike patterns. He stated he looks forward to seeing the new reading curriculum's success of the next five year since a new plan is in place which should net positive results.

Mr. Collins expressed a concern the number of students taking AP class tests have declined. Mr. Briggs explained his experience is that the AP accelerated classes do not require students to take a final test. If the student does not require the credit for graduation then their preference is to not take the test since it could negatively affect their grade point average. A discussion continued noting that the AP classes have a bigger impact on a student's GPA as opposed to regular classes. Mr. Strainge noted that some colleges are not accepting AP credits which pose an issue for students who have paid for testing in AP classes at TRHS. Mr. La Salle noted that the choice to enroll in and test for an AP course is a personal choice for students to make. Mr. Strainge noted that an option to this would be a full project-based program that will engage students.

Mr. La Salle noted that the Strategic Plan includes success for all students; he noted failing grades have declined in number. He clarified that more students are enjoying success and less are experiencing failure. He stated the drop-out rate has experienced a tremendous reduction and college bound students have increased. Many students are going to two year colleges and later transferring to a four year college.

Mr. La Salle expects that Response to Instruction (RTI) will have a positive effect relative to SPED identification. He is impressed with the continued education of teachers and the technology reports. He then reported on technology infrastructure, business services, and district-wide instruction. He recognized continued efforts in district communication and thanked Dean Zanello for his impressive work with the district websites, TEN and Vimeo capabilities. Mr. Collins inquired if the elementary data reflects the kindergarten enrollment. Mr. La Salle confirmed affirmatively.

At this time in the meeting a quorum was achieved; Madam Chair Kosta called for a second roll call.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Collins (8:00 pm), Madam Chair Kosta (7:45 pm), Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Steenson (8:20 pm), Mrs. Withee and Mr. Briggs (Student Representative)

The regular public meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board began at 8:25 pm.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Mascola

Voted: To approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 Regular and Non-public meetings as written. **Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote; the motion carried 6-0-1, Mr. Mascola abstained.**

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mrs. Withee

Voted: To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 public hearing and special meeting after the public hearing as written. **Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote; the motion carried 6-0-1, Mr. Baldwin abstained.**

Policies

Mr. Feneberg presented policies BDF, BIA, BIBA, BKA, CBG, CBI, EBBB and KB for second reading and adoption.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Mascola

To approve the second reading and adopt policies BDF, BIA, BIBA, BKA, CBG, CBI, EBBB and KB.

Madam Chair Kosta indicated she received an email concern regarding policy KB – Title I Parent Involvement

in Education and opened the floor to discussion. Mr. Feneberg noted that Mrs. Killen would be the person to clarify information on this policy. Mr. Baldwin responded that the proposed language of the policy does not remove or reduce parent involvement as alleged by the email correspondent. Mr. La Salle recommended the board research this policy before they accept it for second reading.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Mascola

Voted: to amend the motion on the floor by excluding policy KB – Title I Parent Involvement in Education from the original motion. Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote to amend the motion; the motion carried unanimously 7-0. She then called the vote on the newly amended motion to approve the second reading and adoption of policies:

- **BDF-Advisory Committee to the Board**
- **BIA-New Board Member Orientation**
- **BIBA-School Board Conference, Conventions and Workshops**
- **BKA- Liaison with School Board Association**
- **CBG-Superintendent's Development Opportunities**
- **CBI-Evaluation of the Superintendent**
- **EBBD- Indoor Air Quality**

With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Warrant Articles

Madam Chair Kosta requested a re-vote of the warrant recommendations to allow more board members to participate in the recommendation process.

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mrs. Withee

Voted: To reconsider and re-vote on the recommendation of the 2011 Timberlane Regional School District Warrant. **Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).**

Recommendation Action on the Warrant

Madam Chair Kosta presented Article 2-Operating Budget

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to recommend article 2 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Withee. **With no further discussion, the board was polled and the recommendation passed (7-0) unanimously.**

Madam Chair Kosta presented Article 3-Capital Reserve Fund

Motion: Mr. Baldwin motioned to recommend article 3 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Withee. **With no further discussion, the board was polled and the recommendation passed (7-0) unanimously.**

Madam Chair Kosta presented Article 4-Pollard School Kitchen Renovation

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to recommend article 4 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Withee.

Mr. Mascola inquired if the architects had returned with a price for the Pollard School renovations. Mr. La Salle noted that no cost estimate was received as of yet and the project is still expected to be completed within the \$300,000 estimate. **With no further discussion, the board was polled and the recommendation passed (7-0) unanimously.**

Annual Report

Madam Chair Kosta asked the board for volunteers to draft the School Board's report for 2010 Annual Report. The submission date is February 14, 2010. Mr. La Salle suggested the Public Relations Committee consider this task to which Mr. Mascola agreed. It was noted that a school board photo session is scheduled for February 3, 2011 at 7:15 pm.

Personnel

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting the retirement of:

- Mary Elizabeth Ditoro, Atkinson Academy Guidance Counselor with the District for 15 years.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Mascola

Voted: To accept the retirement of Mary Elizabeth Ditoro Atkinson Academy Guidance Counselor, 15 years with the district. **Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).**

Administrators Report

None

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mrs. Aubrey stated she wished to congratulate the Chamber All-State students; their performance was exceptional. Timberlane hosted the event.

No other reports were provided.

Correspondence

Done

Vendor and Payroll

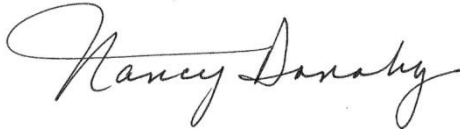
Done

Other

None

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Kosta adjourned the meeting at 8:55 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