

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

Regular Meeting
March 3, 2011
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Order

Madam Chair Kosta called the meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson, Mrs. Withee and Mr. Briggs (Student Representative)

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator
Mrs. Smith, Assistant Business Administrator
Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education

Pledge

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of the February 17, 2011 regular meeting with corrections. **Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote; the motion carried 7-0-2** (Mrs. Aubrey and Mr. Baldwin abstained).

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council Report

Community Agent Nick Delfino reported Student Council members have a busy month planned which includes a fun festival, Spirit Week, and Student Council elections as well as "Kids Night Out" scheduled later this month.

Timberlane Regional School Board Student Representative

Mr. Briggs reported students have returned from vacation and are right back in the groove of the school day. Women's' basketball was defeated by Nashua but the Wrestling team will be hosting the New England Tournament and a comedy show is scheduled later this month.

Current Business

De Rosa of Boston Jewelers

Wayne Kendrick and Wayne DeRosa presented an opportunity for additional fund raising options for district events. They proposed a service in which De Rosa of Boston Jewelers would purchase unwanted gold and diamonds from people attending any events held in the district. They would then send the district a percentage of the profits they made during the event. Mrs. Steenson noted that most fund raising events are organized by the PTA. Mr. La Salle noted the school district policy that restricts or forbids solicitation; he explained that he was not comfortable providing a blanket approval for this request. Mr. Mascola inquired if this program was successful at other districts? Mr. Kendrick stated this is a new program and they have offered this service at home parties and individuals. Madam Chair Kosta noted that if a specific group requested De Rosa of Boston Jewelers to be part of a fund raiser then the board would consider it for that specific event only.

Department Reports

Food Service

George Visconte from Café Service introduced himself to the board and shared his life experience noting he

grew up in the food industry and owned a restaurant. He also worked at the 99 restaurants and found this position to be rewarding. He has since learned the school lunch business and is part of the community wellness committee; his passion now is finding healthy foods to offer students.

He explained that Café Services has joined with University of New Hampshire Cooperative to create a program that will offer land, tools and equipment for students and local people who wish to farm. Café Services will purchase the fresh produce from this program to provide fresh healthy meals to students while supporting communities around the state.

He explained that when he observed long lines in the cafeteria, he then offered additional nutritional foods in other lines to reduce the length of the wait for students.

Mrs. Smith noted that as of the end of January 2011 the food service program has covered their expenses and in the year 2010 Café Services served 400,000 student lunches. Mr. La Salle noted that most new nutritional guidelines are already in affect by Café Services but, with the stricter governmental regulations, a clear understanding of the new language and how it affects pricing and healthy choices is essential. He noted that the focus off the lunch program has been on healthy foods and will continue to focus on students being offered healthy choices. New round tables, positive signage and the new layout of the cafeteria have created a positive environment with student appreciating the program changes.

School Calendar

Mr. La Salle provided the board with copies of the Pinkerton Academy and Salem school district's 2011-12 school year calendars. He also presented drafts one through three of the Timberlane Regional School District's proposed 2011-12 school year calendars. He noted that the Timberlane Teachers Association prefers draft one because of the later start date; they suggested that the professional development day in November be moved to the 14th for a better balance and less fragmentation of the month. They also recommended an early release for the end of October or early November for parents to arrange conferences with teachers. The TTA noted that the early start date in draft number two was a problem and they were concerned for the planning of vacations for draft number three. Mrs. Aubrey noted that the November 10th professional development day aligns with Pinkerton and Salem school districts.

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

Voted: To approve Draft 1 of the 2011-12 school year calendar with an early release day added on October 25, 2011.

Discussion: A brief discussion occurred confirming an early release day for the last day of school in June.

Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote; the motion passed 8-1-0 (Mr. Paone opposed).

Policies

Mr. La Salle presented ten policies for a first reading DBI DEB, DG, DGA, DH, DID, DJC, IIB, JJIC, and KB. He noted some of polices had not been reviewed since the late nineties and needed updating. IIB, JJIC and KB had more recent changes for the board's review. A discussion regarding policy JJIC ensued, Mr. La Salle noted the revisions have tighten up the policy to show that all students must strive for a passing grade and assistance is provided to student before they fail a course. Mr. Collins noted Mr. Fantasia has had success working with students before they fail. Mr. Collins expressed his concerned for students that do not have athletic skills and that they should also be provided with academic support. Mr. La Salle confirmed that all students are offered academic assistance when struggling. Mr. Collins also noted that some district send letters home to parents when students are struggling. Mr. La Salle stated his commitment to bring every child to a successful place.

Mr. Mascola noted that the board controls the policy and the administration controls the procedure. Mrs. Aubrey stated that this is a living document and it will continue to change as needed. She continued to note that all students are provided the means to grow into emotionally well rounded adults. Mr. Paone noted the importance of assisting student when they are struggling and before they fail a course.

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

Voted: To approve the first reading of DBI, DEB, DG, DGA, DH, DID, DJC, IIB, JJIC, and KB.

Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote; the motion passed 7-2-0 (Mr. Baldwin and Mrs. Steenson opposed).

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle reviewed the report presented to the board regarding the time teachers spend out of the classroom for professional development.

He announced that the annual report is now posted online at www.timberlane.net and hard copies are available by calling the SAU office at 382-6119. Town libraries also have a hard copy for review.

Personnel

None

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Mascola noted the "School Board Notes" newsletter has been mailed out to residents.

Vendor and Payroll

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Correspondence

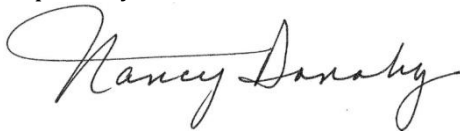
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Other

The board thanked Mr. Paone for his years of service.

With no further business, Chairwoman Kosta adjourned the meeting at 9:50 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