

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

Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2010  
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

**Order**

Chairwoman Kosta called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Collins (7:35 PM), Madam Chair Kosta, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson, Mrs. Withee and Mr. Briggs (Student Representative). Absent: Mr. Mascola

**Administrators Present**

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator  
Mr. DiBartolomeo, Music Director

**Pledge**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Mascola**

**Voted:** To approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010 Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting and two non-public sessions with corrections. **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

**Student Council Report**

Nick Delfino, Community Agent, reported the Student Council has been working hard on the Homecoming festivities planned for next week. Later in the month Student Council members will be attending Camp Lincoln to share ideas with other council members throughout the state and again in November at the Waterville conference. Trick or Canning will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> in the Plaistow area.

**School Report**

Mr. Briggs, TRSB student representative, was proud to report the Band is having a great year and the football team has won three consecutive games.

**Current Business**

**Department Music/Drama**

Mr. DiBartolomeo reported out on the participation in the music programs throughout the district, noting all elementary students participate in the music program, 800 middle school students perform in a music program and 31% of all high school students participate in band, chorus or orchestra. He stated the new guitar orchestra is now available to students and presented a preview of the SmartMusic program offered to students, which allows students to practice at home with connections to a software system and their instructor for instant feedback. He thanked Mr. Constantineau for his outstanding work with students in the Drama program and how they now work in unison with the humanities curriculum.

Mr. DiBartolomeo noted that 95% of the orchestra for the spring musical consisted of students from the high school.

Mrs. Steenson noted her appreciation of the program that allows elementary students to go to the PAC and try out different instructions to find their preference.

**Policies**

Mr. La Salle presented three policies for a first reading consideration by the board. Policies **JFAB-Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students, GCCBA-Professional Leaves of Absence** and repeal policy **GBEAA-Staff Conflict of Interest**.

He reviewed each policy and the reason for the proposed revisions and/or repeal (GBEE-A).

**On a motion by Mrs. Steenson, seconded by Mr. Collins**

**Voted:** To approve the first reading of policies JFAB, GBEAA (with corrections) and (Repeal) GCCBA. **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Budget**

Mr. La Salle informed the board of budgeting concerns on a state and local level. On the local level he clarified that the district has certain obligations to students as defined by state law. The district fulfils those obligations and at the end of the year the costs are submitted to the state for reimbursement. The state will send only a portion of the amount that was spent by the district under the state laws; meaning the financial burden is then shifted back to the district.

Mr. La Salle reviewed Adequacy Aid and how the state is financially obligated to provide the district a specific amount. The state has put a hold on the aid for the past two years which has recently expired. The state will now have the burden of fulfilling the adequacy aid requirements to districts, which is a large financial burden on the state. He informed the board that things could get worse if the state redefines adequacy.

Mr. Stokinger explained the district concerns since the state must make up a 270 million dollar deficit. He also explained that the state was required to pay 35% of teacher contributions rates to NHRS. Two years ago 10% of that obligation was shifted to the district. Now the state is expected to be re-assumed the 10% of contribution rate which results in an additional financial burden.

The district has properly utilized the stimulus monies provided in the past two years but is concerned that the state may have used their monies differently. If that is the case, then a ripple down affect may occur where the state may (most likely) provide less money than their obligation.

### **Administrators Report**

Mr. La Salle noted that the SAU Board will meet on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

### **Personnel**

Mr. La Salle recommended immediately accepting the resignation of Barbara Hopkins.

**On a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey**

**Voted:** To immediately accept the resignation of Barbara Hopkins. **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

The board wished Mrs. Hopkins well.

### **Committee and Reports of the School Board**

Mr. Collins reported he attended the Facilities Committee tour and informed the board that a family asked for recognition and consideration during the Jewish holidays. Mr. La Salle stated he will distribute the Jewish Holiday calendar to Administrators.

Mrs. Aubrey reminded the public that the Facilities and Safety Committee meetings will be coming up soon.

Mrs. Kosta reminded the public the next Curriculum Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Vendor and Payroll**

Done

### **Other**

Mr. Stokinger noted that an opening has presented itself on the Budget Committee for a resident of Atkinson and that if anyone is interested he would suggest they attend the Budget presentation on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the PAC. They should also contact him at the SAU No55 office.

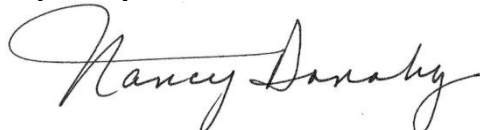
**On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 (c), seconded by Mrs. Withee. The board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 9:00 PM.**

**No action was taking during the non-public session.**

**The public meeting resumed at 9:20 PM**

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Kosta adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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