

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

Regular Meeting
September 16, 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, Madam Chair Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson and Mrs. Withee.

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator
Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Mr. Strainge, Director of Secondary Education
Mrs. Hart, Principal of Danville Elementary School
Mrs. Barcelos, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator of Danville Elementary School

Pledge

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2010 Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting as written. Mr. Mascola seconded. Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Delegations and Individuals

Student Council Report

TRHS Community Agent Nick Delfino informed the board of the homecoming festivities that are scheduled to kick-off on Wednesday, October 13th. The event will begin with a pageant featuring five male and five female students competing against their own gender in various categories to become the next Mr. and Mrs. Timberlane. On Thursday, a door decorating contest will be held during third period with the theme being unity. A carnival and the signature Power Puff games are scheduled for Thursday evening. Friday the students will enjoy a pep rally and a football game that will be followed by the showing of a scary movie in the back field. The festivities will conclude with the black and white themed dance on Saturday evening.

School Report

TRSB Student Representative Connor Briggs reported that students are falling into the new school year rhythm. The band and sports teams are performing well; he expressed his excitement about the homecoming festivities.

Current Business

Montreal Trip Request

TRMS French Teacher Madam Lacourse requested the board's approval for an overnight trip to Montreal for eighth grade French students. She explained she would like to increase the number of nights that the students would stay over from one night to two. The students would leave on Friday May 20th and stay in Montreal on the 20th and 21st returning to the district on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

She stated she would like students to have additional time to interact with the Montreal students as they will be developing relationships with them via email during the school year. She reported that the high school French teacher who chaperoned the trip this past year thought the student transition (from middle to the

high school) was enhanced by the trip and with students acquainting themselves with their future teacher.

Mr. Porcelli motioned to approve the eighth grade French students trip to Montreal on May 20th and returning on 22nd, 2011, as presented by Mademoiselle Lacourse. Mrs. Withee seconded. Having no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Department Report-Danville Elementary School

Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Barcelos presented a power point presentation on the culture of the Danville Elementary School in a letter by letter alphabet format. They stressed the "I do, We do, You do" tool used to educate students. They noted the community involvement with the school and the volunteers, opportunities for students and staff as well as traditions, curriculum and the exciting culture of learning.

Bullying/Youth Risk/Coalition Update

Mr. Tim Lena and Mrs. Kelley Binette reported on the survey results of the Local Youth Risk Behavior Survey showing the comparison over the years of 2001 to 2009. Mr. Lena noted a reduction in alcohol use and tobacco use among high school students overall. He also noted that binge drinking and marijuana use is on the incline among the same student population. They will focus on the noted increase of binge drinking and marijuana use in the upcoming school year. He went on to say that there is a reduction in the attempts of suicide among high school students; Mr. Lena believes this is due to their educational efforts on this topic.

Mrs. Binette informed the board that the middle school student survey reports suicide attempts as well as alcohol use and unhealthy practices have declined. There is also a significant reduction in the reported lifetime use of over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

Mr. Lena updated the board on the *Youth Risk Survey and Coalition*, noting training and *PAX Good Behavior* games are being offered to elementary teachers. Another initiative offered is the *Life of the Athlete*, which the coalition contracts with a service provider to train coaches and administrators to expand the code of conduct and other healthy behaviors. Additional projects include *Project Success* and the *National Alliance* which address sexting, texting and internet chatting with peer outreach which encourages good behavior decisions.

Mrs. Binette talked about the Olweus student assistance program that teaches students how to recognize and respond to bullying. Observed or experienced, it is designed to open up discussion with bus drivers, luncheon staff, teachers and other school staff personnel. Bullying education will begin in kindergarten and include parent and community involvement.

Mr. Baldwin commended Mrs. Binette and Mr. Lena for their dedication and efforts and asked if the Dare program had been considered for the middle and high school. He stated that the program has grown and now offers training and education in bullying, drug and alcohol abuse for student of middle and high school age. They also offer assistance to staff on issues. Mrs. Binette replied she is always open to new resources and believes that the Dare program would complement their continuing efforts.

Mr. Collins asked how the district compares to the national figures. Mr. Lena noted that New Hampshire is one of the harder hit states on this topic and the district is in line or better than the state. Mr. Collins asked about the accuracy of the survey. Mr. Lena reviewed the survey verification and the control consistency method. He noted the survey is a valuable tool if the information is accurate.

Mrs. Aubrey motioned to enter into non-public session under 91A:3II (c), student matter, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The board was polled and unanimously entered into a non-public session at 8:25 pm.

Mrs. Aubrey motioned to exit the non-public session where no action was taken, seconded by Mrs. Withee. The board was polled and unanimously exited the non-public session at 9:20 pm.

The meeting resumed at 9:25 pm.

Mrs. Aubrey motion to allow the student, as identified in the non-public session, to be reinstated from expulsion. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed 7-1-0 (Mr. Collins opposed and Mr. Baldwin abstained).

NECAP

Mrs. Killen and Mr. Strainge reported on NECAP results. Mrs. Killen informed the board the NECAP testing allows the district to check their curriculum and compare the district's results to the state's. Annually, students in grades 3 to 6 are tested and the overall results are compared to the previous year's results. Mr. Strainge reported on the high school's results of the testing of grades 6, 7, 8 and 11.

Mr. La Salle explained that previously the testing occurred in the spring of the school year thus students were tested on materials of that (current) year. Now the testing is performed in October one month after the start of the school year. This means students are tested on the previous year's education.

Mr. Baldwin noted that the Sandown North results were all positive to which Mrs. Killen responded the culture of the school coupled with the adult to student ratio as well as the Response to Instruction program having been in place at the school for a couple of years are contributing factors to the positive results.

Policies

Mr. La Salle presented policy ACE – Procedural Safeguards-Nondiscrimination on Basis of Handicap/Disability. He recommended the repeal of this policy due to the district having received some challenges to the policy which prompted a review of the complaint procedures. District attorneys recommend the repeal and replacement of this policy (see proposed procedures ACAA-R and ACAB-R). He suggested this action be taken immediately as outlined in policy BGB which notes emergency procedures on matters of unusual urgency - the board may waive the two-week limitation and take immediate action to adopt a new, revised or waive existing policies with a 2/3 majority of those voting.

Mrs. Aubrey motioned to waive the second reading as provided in policy BGB and to repeal policy ACE - Procedural Safeguards-Nondiscrimination on Basis of Handicap/Disability. Mr. Porcelli seconded.

A short discussion ensued where Mrs. Steenson inquired if this change targets a specific individual or is it in the best interest of all. Mr. La Salle noted that the laws and procedures change all the time relating to complaints on bully and harassment and the safeguards and complaint procedures will be revised as needed for all students and employees. **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously (9-0).**

Mr. La Salle recommended adopting procedures ACAA-R and ACAB-R as a procedure in the continued efforts to separate policies from procedures.

Mrs. Aubrey motioned to waive the second reading as provided in policy BGB and take immediate action to adopt procedures ACAA-R and ACAB-R. Mr. Collins seconded.

Mr. Baldwin noted the bolded type text in the body of proposed procedure ACAB-R and asked for clarification. Mr. La Salle noted that information should be left off the procedure and that once the procedure is adopted he will recommend it be referred to the policy committee for additional review. It is imperative that a procedure be in place at all times. The bolded type content will be considered by the committee and if revisions are necessary they will be presented to the board.

Mr. Collins motioned to amend the motion on the floor by adding “and removing the bolded type noted in brackets in procedure ACAB-R,” which was seconded by Mrs. Aubrey. A short discussion ensued. Having no further discussion the motion to amend the motion passed 8-1 (Mr. Porcelli opposed).

Madam Chair Kosta then asked for a vote on the newly amended motion to adopt procedures ACAA-R and ACAB-R with the removal of bolded type. Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the second reading and adopting the following policies:

CHB - Board Review of Administrative Regulations (This change is required to move ahead with the separation of procedures and policies.)

EEAEA - Mandatory Drug & Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers (These changes reflect new laws that address mandatory drug and alcohol testing for school bus drivers even if employment by a contracted company.)

IKB – Homework (The changes reflect updated language from NHSBA.)

KDCA-R - Use of Students in Non-School Public Information Program (The repeal of this policy is due to the information being covered in another policy.)

LEB - Advanced College Placement (This policy will reference another policy that addresses the same subject matter.)

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

CHB	Board Review of Administrative Regulations
EEAEA	Mandatory Drug & Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers
IKB	Homework
KDCA-R	Use of Students in Non-School Public Information Program (for repeal)
LEB	Advanced College Placement

Mrs. Withee seconded.

Mr. La Salle clarified the difference between policies and procedures and the need to separate them.

Mr. Collins motioned to amend the motion on the floor regarding policy CHB by revising the second sentence to read “Such procedures need not be approved by the Board; therefore they will be revised when they are not consistent with Board Policy.” Mrs. Steenson seconded. Having no further discussion the motion to amend the motion passed 7-1-1 (Mr. Paone opposed, Mr. Porcelli abstained).

Madam Chair Kosta then asked for a vote on the newly amended motion to approve the second reading and adoption of policies CHB (as amended), EEAEA, IKB, KDCA-R (to repeal), and LEB. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirement of Raymond Williams, TRHS Industrial Arts Teacher who has been with the district for 37 Years.

Mr. Baldwin motioned to approve, with great regret, the retirement of Raymond Williams at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Aubrey seconded. Having no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Administrator Report

Mrs. Killen then made a public statement to congratulate Allison Lenihan, Arts Teacher at Sandown Central School who was recently recognized by Artsonia, the world’s largest online kid’s art museum for her outstanding leadership in the area of Arts Education at Sandown Central School.

Mr. Stokinger informed the board that Atkinson resident Lori Parrillo has expressed an interest in the open Deputy Treasurer position. He has reviewed her information and recommends that the Board appoint her to the position at this time.

Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the appointment of Lori Parrillo as Deputy Treasurer for the Timberlane Regional School District. Mr. Collins seconded. Having no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. La Salle wanted to inform the board that Pollard School is experiencing water service problems. He continued to explain that currently two wells service the school and he is concerned because with the past year’s dry weather, the wells are not producing the amount of water necessary for the school to function properly. The wells could fully recover or they could be damaged. He noted a temporary option might be to install an onsite water storage unit while they investigate short, medium and long term solutions. The situation is problematic and he will keep the board updated.

Mr. Stokinger reported that there was also an issue with a section of sewer lines at Pollard School this past week. He noted it was not related to the water situation as reported by Mr. La Salle; it applied only to a section of the building. By using a portable sewer camera, they were able to identify the clog and clear it. Mrs. Auger sent a letter home to parents informing them of the situation.

Mr. La Salle then presented legal opinions from district attorneys concerning the Right to Know guidelines relating to the sealing and un-sealing of non-public session minutes and policy KDCA as requested by the Board. They were asked to review the information and discuss it at the next board meeting.

Correspondence

None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Collins reported the Budget Committee will hold departmental budget presentations on the 14th of October with detailed department reports to follow (if necessary).

Mrs. Withee attended the Facilities meeting and asked for the draft minutes to be posted on the website for board members to review. She then went over the facilities tour schedule.

Mr. Mascola attended the Policy Committee where they continue to update district policies. The Community Relations Committee is on track and will produce a few newsletters this year as well as a report card for the district. He then encouraged each board member to reach out to senior communities members.

Mrs. Kosta attended the Curriculum Committee meeting where schools in need of improvement were discussed.

Other

Mrs. Withee motioned to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 (c) reputation; seconded by Mr. Paone. The board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 10:50 PM.

Mr. Baldwin motioned to exit non-public session; Mrs. Aubrey seconded. The board was polled and the session ended unanimously at 11:30 PM.

No action was taking during the non-public session.

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Kosta adjourned the meeting at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk