

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

Regular Meeting
September 2, 2010
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Kosta called this September 2, 2010 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:35 pm. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Lori Aubrey, William Baldwin, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Kosta, Michael Mascola Nancy Steenson and Lisa Withee.

Board Members not in attendance

John Paone and Louis Porcelli

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Winfried Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Scott Strainge, Director of Secondary Education
Donald Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Michelle Auger, Principal of Pollard School
Sharon Joyce, Assistant Principal of Pollard School

Pledge

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

Minutes

The board reviewed the June 21 work session and August 19, 2010 public meeting minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve the June 21st work session and August 18, 2010 public meetings minutes as written. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote 5-0 (Abstentions: Mrs. Steenson and Mr. Collins)

Delegations and Individuals

Danville resident Shawn O'Neil acknowledged the presence of Lt. Baldwin and thanked him for his military service. He then went on to explain he was surprised to read that the Timberlane Regional School District has decided to forgo the mid-term and finals exams. He stated he would like to understand what effect this change will have on students and suggested increasing communication on this issue with residents, parents and students. He also would like to see the NECAP results presented in a public forum.

Nick Delfino reported on activities of the Student Council members who provided assistance to teachers prior to the start of the school year; they volunteered their time for Freshman orientation and honored teachers with a BBQ to start off the school year. Students were welcomed back with lemonade, banners and balloons displayed throughout the school. He informed the board that Homecoming is scheduled from September 13th to the 16th.

Connor Briggs, student representative to the School Board, reported that students had a successful first week of school and are looking forward to the upcoming school year.

Current Business

Opening Day

Mr. La Salle informed the board that Danville Elementary's kindergarten enrollment is down from the previous school year. He expects that the next few years should see an increase in enrollment.

He went on to report that the students at Atkinson Academy were thrilled to be greeted by Lt. Baldwin. They were also impressed with the updated kitchen and auditorium. The High School renovations were completed and look terrific. The High School also has new intercom and phone system.

A noise control wall was installed in the Middle School library. He noted that Pollard School is the only school that still requires kitchen renovations as stated in the kitchen audit. Both Sandown schools had a very good opening week. He then highlighted a new practice this year of staff riding on the buses to guide the younger students.

Mr. La Salle was pleased to report the professional staff opening day activities included both the Hampstead and Timberlane members. It was a success that communicated the need to engage students, be creative in their teachings, and to continually improve their performance. Many staff members have expressed their appreciation for the wonderful presentation. Mr. La Salle thanked Mr. Scott Strainge and the teachers who presented at the orientation.

Professional Development & Evaluation Committee Pilot

Mrs. Killen informed the board that the evaluation documentation was reviewed by the committee. It was noted that this documentation is good but is in need of some improvement. She noted that after a careful review of the professional development and evaluation plan the committee determined that consistent practice is important throughout the district and that specific feedback on a daily basis is needed. Other changes would include collaborative meetings where the focus on evaluations would be more about discussions and less about the cumbersome manner of the documentation.

She stated that with these changes would require the committee to start at the beginning and develop a framework of standards. The standards are separated into four domains that consist of planning, classroom environment, professional responsibility and self assessment. Teachers will be required to rate themselves which will prompt them to provide evidence of their self assessment.

Goals will be set and formal observation will be collaborative. The process will be tied to the framework and corrective measures, if needed, will be supported. The expected date of completion of the master plan is June of 2011.

Pollard School – A school in need of improvement: update

Mrs. Auger provided a summary of the the School In Need of Improvement plan presented to the State. This was a team effort by the entire school in which the State's response was complimentary to the plan and offered no changes. She was pleased to announce that the plan was accepted by the State.

Mrs. Auger noted the team used the NECAP results to identify their weak areas; all students were included in the plan since all students need to grow and make annual yearly progress. The plan is available on the Pollard website for public view.

Policies

Mr. Feneberg presented the following polices (and one procedure – KDCA-R) for a first reading;

- CHB Board of Review of Administrative Regulations
- EEAEA Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers
- IKB Homework
- JJIC Athletic/Co-Curricular/Extra-curricular Activities Eligibility
- KDCA-R Use of Students in Non-school Public Information Program
- LEB Advanced College Placement

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- CHB Board of Review of Administrative Regulations
- EEAEA Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers
- IKB Homework
- JJIC Athletic/Co-Curricular/Extra-curricular Activities Eligibility
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Mrs. Steenson seconded.

Mr. Collins inquired why policy JJIC was being changed. Mr. La Salle noted that it was the will of the Board to instill stronger eligibility requirements for student’s and to clean up any loop holes keeping with the focus on high standards of success. He reported Mr. Fantasia (Director of Athletics) was not comfortable with number days noted in the policy and thought ongoing monitoring was needed.

Mr. Collins questioned the intent of the policy and asked for clarification of the loop holes corrected. Mr. Baldwin stated the intent was not to encourage failing courses. The Board then discussed NHIAA regulations and directed Mr. Fantasia to clarify the language of the policy for its upcoming second reading.

With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. Feneberg then presented the following policies for second reading and adoption :

- ACAA Harassment/Sexual Harassment of Students
- ACAB Harassment/Sexual Harassment of Employees
- JH Student Absences/Excuses
- JICD Student Conduct/Discipline
- JICI Dangerous Weapons

And the repeal of the following five policies:

- GBAA Sexual Harassment - Employees
- JBAA Sexual Harassment - Students
- JHA-EL Attendance
- JHA-MS Attendance Policy
- JHA-HS Student Attendance

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the second reading and adoption of ACAA, ACAB, JH, JICD and JICI and the repeal of GBAA, JBAA, JHA-EL, JHA-SS, JHA-MS as presented. Mr. Baldwin seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle reported that on Friday, September 3rd, the new generator at the SAU office will be tested . He expressed his concern regarding the Performing Arts Center’s and the Middle School’s air circulation system. Due to the intense summer-like weather the system overheated and had to be phased throughout the school day. Mr. Hughes was asked to obtain a professional opinion regarding the sharing of one system between the two buildings and to report back to the board.

Personnel

Mr. Feneberg recommended the nominations of:

Kimberly Bellmore Pollard School Grade two

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to accept the nomination of Kimberly Bellmore. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. Feneberg recommended the nomination of:

Danielle Moore Pollard TLC Speech/Language Pathologist

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the nomination of Danielle Moore. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Collins noted the next budget meeting scheduled for Septemebr 9th and the Facilities tour will begin on September 6th with subsequent tours on the 14th and 23rd. Mr. La Salle stated he inquired if the Budget Committee would like to see a change in the budget presentation format.

Mr. La Salle noted the State of New Hampshire reviewed the District schools and found that the District was not in any way in need of change. This means the State found the District schools to be at or above standards in every way.

Mrs. Withee noted the next Facilities meeting on September 14th at 8:30 AM. Mr. Mascola confirmed the first meeting of the Community Relations Committee is to be held on September 16th. He noted the Policy Committee met on the 19th of August. Madam Chair Kosta reported the Curriculum and Professional Development Committees will both meet on the 14th of September.

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Other

None

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Kosta adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk