

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

Regular Meeting
May 19, 2011
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Aubrey called this May 19, 2011 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Lori Aubrey, Peter Bealo, Robert Collins (8:10PM), Michael Mascola, Louis Porcelli, and Lisa Withee

Board Members not in attendance

William Baldwin, Elizabeth Kosta and Nancy Steenson

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Stoking, Business Administrator
Mrs. Lovett, Director of Pupil Personnel
Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Mrs. Hodgkins, Transportation Coordinator
Mr. Fantasia, Director of Athletics

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

Minutes

The board reviewed the public minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting as written. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

Delegations and Individuals

Kaylyn Ryan, Community Agent reported Atkinson Academy hosted a successful Big Buddy, Little Buddy event on May 6th. The Statehouse field trip is scheduled for May 20th and Kid's Night Out will be held on Saturday May 21, 2011. Next week will be Teachers' Appreciations week where student council members show their appreciation to the teachers. She reported that in recognition of Memorial Day students will be playing trumpets throughout the school and presenting flowers to faculty members who have served their country. She ended her report noting the Lead Conference will be held November 11th through the 14th in Albuquerque, NM.

Student Representative

None

Current Business

Timberlane Football Boosters

Mrs. Heather David, Co-President of the Timberlane Football Boosters presented a proposal for a sponsorship program with local businesses to raise funds for players and increase attendance and energy at the games. She indicated they would donate 5% of all the monies raised this year to the Special Olympics.

Local business would have the opportunity to sponsor home and away games and receive recognition through banners displayed at the fields. Banners would be taken down at the end of each event to avoid vandalism. Other opportunities for business recognition would be via announcements at the home games, ads in the program books, business listing on the game day programs and game day giveaways. Mr. La Salle cautioned that school board policy KHB Advertising in the Schools should be reviewed with the final decision at the discretion of the school board.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to authorize game sponsorship by the Timberlane Regional High School Boosters for one year with the understanding that it is a non-precedent setting action. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

Department Reports

Mr. Woodworth presented a report on High School Resource Officer Joan Marsillia. He reviewed her job description and the community service she performs. He reviewed the legal resource she has become and the role she plays each day at the high school including being part of the student activities and heading up driving, drug and alcohol programs. Mr. La Salle noted that Mr. Hogan, Principal of the Middle school is working with Chief Savage of the Plaistow Police Department to start a School Resource Officer program at the middle school.

Special Education Transportation Contract

Mr. La Salle reviewed the procedure that was followed by the Special Education Transportation Committee relative to the new SPED transportation contract with Provider. They created a specific District document listing the requirements for the request for financial proposal (RFP) through the bid process in which two bids were received. The committee reviewed submitted materials and interviewed each company. They then conducted references with current clients. After careful consideration the committee unanimously determined that Provider was their choice.

Mrs. Carolyn Cohen of Atkinson indicated she is the parent of a student with special needs who has been attending the schools within the district for the past ten years (since he was three years old). She has developed a trust with Safeway and expressed her need to speak for her child since he is not able to speak for himself. She stated her concern regarding the transitioning to a new bus company citing any type of change is difficult for students with special needs. Mr. La Salle agreed that Safeway had been a good company and the district has been satisfied with the service over the past years; however, he believes that Provider is also a good company and has a lot to offer the students. Provider will work in partnership with the district with clear expectations of parent and district needs.

Mrs. Lovett noted that she is confident of a smooth transition and stated that parents should work with the district by reporting any problems immediately. She noted that changes are part of life and the district will work to make the transition process as smooth as possible for all students.

Mr. Joseph McKinnon of Sandown and a parent of three students with special needs explained his concern regarding the new bus company. He stated he learned about the change of services from a Safeway driver. Mr. La Salle noted that the communication had not had a chance to go out to parents as yet and it was inappropriate for the driver to discuss this change with the parent. Mr. La Salle asked that the parents work with the district and Provider to accomplish a smooth transition.

Mrs. Catanzano of Hampstead and a parent of a student with special needs noted her concerns as well. She stated she opposes a change in transportation companies.

Tuition Rates

Mr. Stokinger presented proposed tuition rates for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the 2011-2012 tuition rates of:

- Kindergarten \$6,150
- Elementary \$12,300
- Middle School \$12,100
- High School \$11,900
- Special Education \$24,200

Mr. Bealo seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Administrators Report

None

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended nominating Heather Walker to the position of TRMS Media Generalist.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to accept the nomination of Heather Walker as TRMS Media Generalist. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Mascola attended the Policy Committee meeting this evening and expressed his appreciation for the work that Mrs. Belcher performs for the committee. Mr. Collins noted that on Monday the Community Relations committee will meet. Mr. Bealo noted that the Technology Committee is scheduled for next week.

Correspondence

Mr. La Salle noted a letter of intent to negotiate was received from the Timberlane Teachers Association. Mr. La Salle discussed the need for a non-meeting regarding the negotiations with the TTA. He also noted a letter was received regarding the transportation contract and the clean-up of the Beede waste site. It was agreed that the district would share information with the Town of Plaistow and present a united front on the Beede waste site issue.

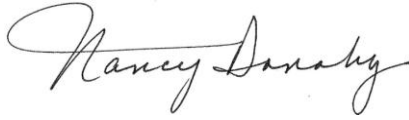
Vendor and Payroll

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Other

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Aubrey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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