

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

Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2010  
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

**Order**

Chairwoman Kosta called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at the SAU office.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Collins (7:40 pm), Madam Chair Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson, Mrs. Withee and Mr. Briggs (Student Representative). Absent: Mr. Baldwin

**Administrators Present**

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator  
Mrs. Smith, Assistant Business Administrator

**Pledge**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Voted:** To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 regular meeting as written. **Having no further discussion the motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Paone abstained).**

**Delegations and Individuals**

**Student Council Report**

Student Council member, Nick Delfino, reported the Kids Night Out event was very successful as approximately twenty kids attended. They raised about \$350 for the council. He then noted another profitable event: the ice cream fundraiser, which raised another \$500 for the council. Several council members attended the Waterville Valley conference where Mrs. Libby-Barth was selected to the membership Director for the New Hampshire Associate for Student Councils. He announced upcoming events which included breakfast for teachers and the Mealy's Meals fundraiser.

**School Report**

Mr. Briggs, TRSB student representative, reported on sports and student activities.

**Current Business**

**Budget Update**

Mr. La Salle presented a recap of the budget process. Mr. Stokinger presented a recap of the 2011-2012 proposed budget which is a 0.27% increase over the 2010-2011 budget. He reviewed the major budget factors including increases and reductions from the current year. He presented a detailed report of proposed 2011-2012 budget. He addressed questions from the board.

Mr. La Salle thanked Mr. Collins and the budget committee for their diligent work on this budget and their understanding of the process by review, analysis and restructure to present a well researched budget. He will review the salaries and personnel to make recommendations for reduction to the budget committee.

Mr. La Salle stated the budget was prepared with diligent efforts during these economic times to arrive at a conservative proposed budget. It is sufficient to run and move forward as a district. He outlined the two areas (curriculum and facilities) that will not be allotted the funds to progress at the pace set in previous years but will resume the forward momentum in the 2012-2013 budget. He clarified that the terms of the reduction will not be in the work performed but in the limit of big purchases in the 2011-2012 budget. Mr. La Salle expressed that he is comfortable with the one year strategy and to resume the progressive pace necessary to keep the district on pace with the Strategy Plan.

He addressed personnel and salaries issues clarifying that the proposed budget programs will not be eliminated. He stated his concern regarding the estimates for benefits and energy which are close; he would not be comfortable with estimating the costs any lower and feels it would not be in the best interest of the district.

Mr. La Salle reported that \$42m was allocated to save teachers jobs in the state and the New Hampshire Legislative has chosen to distribute \$20m across the state for aid to districts to retain positions. Timberlane anticipates receiving \$394,000 in additional aid.

### **Board's Rule with Discipline**

Mr. La Salle reported the district attorney's have advised him on policies and laws relative to student discipline matters. RSA 193:13 VII states that all discipline matters do not have to be considered by the full school but can be presented to a sub-committee duly authorized by the school board. Policies JICH, JICD and JKE-R were presented to the board for informational purposes along with RSA 193:13.

### **Policies**

Mr. La Salle presented and reviewed the four policies that have not been updated recently; the updates are part of an overall review being conducted on outdated policies. The four policies presented for a second reading and adoption;

BB- Board legal Status	to be considered for re-affirmation
BDC – Appointed Board Officials	change to be considered
BDH – Consultants	to be considered for re-affirmation
BEDC – Quorum	change to be considered

### **On a motion by Mr. Mascola, seconded by Mr. Paone**

**Voted:** To approve a second reading and adoption of policies BB, BDC, BDH and BEDC as written.

**Having no further discussion Chairwoman Kosta called the vote. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).**

### **Administrators Report**

In response to a recent email to the board, Mr. La Salle clarified that the school district calendar is the same as the state recommended calendar and mirrors Salem and Pinkerton to coordinate the vocational programs. It is not intentionally the same as the Massachusetts calendar.

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

Mrs. Aubrey thanked Sandown North for inviting her to read aloud at Literacy Night. The event was both enjoyable and well attended. After reading she visited the Book Fair.

Mrs. Withee stated she attended the Saturday matinee of Moon Over Buffalo; the production was wonderful.

Mr. Paone reported the Policy Committee continues to review district policies on an ongoing basis. He stated he would like to schedule a full board work session to review policy JJIC. The committee has drafted two versions and would like input from the entire board. Copies of both versions will be forwarded to all members shortly.

Mr. Collins stated the Budget Committee met on November 10<sup>th</sup> at which time they heard from Pupil Personnel Services. They were also presented with draft 2 of the budget. The next meeting is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> to review draft 3. He stated the Committee has now reviewed all the department budgets. He then noted he attended his son's student presentation at the Middle School tonight; the presentation was wonderful.

Chairwoman Kosta reported the recent professional development day was great, the Curriculum Committee meeting has been rescheduled to December, and she too, attended the play at the PAC.

### **Correspondence**

Email regarding the school calendar was presented.

### **Vendor and Payroll**

None

**Other**

None

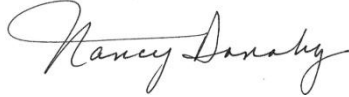
**On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 (a & c), seconded by Mr. Porcelli. The board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 8:25 PM.**

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

**The public meeting resumed at 9:15 PM**

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Kosta adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy".

Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk