

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

Regular Meeting
August 20, 2009
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Order

Vice chairman Mascola called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta (7:50 pm), Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Ange

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator
Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Mr. Coker, Director of Secondary Education

Pledge

Mr. Mascola led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Champey, seconded by Mr. Porcelli

Voted: To approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting with corrections.

Having no further discussion the motion passed six in favor and one abstention (Mrs. Aubrey)

On a motion by Mr. Mascola, seconded by Mrs. Champey

Voted: To approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board non-public meeting with corrections.

Having no further discussion the motion passed six in favor and one abstention (Mrs. Aubrey)

Delegations and Individuals

Mr. Mascola introduced Ms. Holly Ange, student representative; the board welcomed Ms. Ange.

School Report

Ms. Ange reported that during the summer months members of the executive committees and honor societies were active in fundraising events to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Current Business

Opening Day Preparations

Mr. La Salle reported that the district has been busy during the summer months in preparation of the upcoming school year. The hiring of new staff has been completed, many staff attended professional development events and the summer projects around the district are accomplished.

Mr. Coker reported on the new teacher orientation, CPR training as well as additional professional development training offered during the summer months. He reviewed the 2009-2010 school opening schedule.

Mrs. Killen reviewed the elementary school staff summer professional development of curriculum including New Language Arts and Reading Street. She reported that a "Family Newsletter" will be sent out to reinforce the communication with parents regarding family friendly curriculum.

ARRA Funds Update

Ms. La Salle reviewed the ARRA fund requirements and the process the district used to accomplish the online application as well as the understanding of the reporting process once the projects are approved. He inquired of the method in which the board would like to be informed regarding the stimulus fund allocation projects. Mrs. Champey stated she would like to see Mr. La Salle in the position of Gatekeeper of the projects with the understanding that the monies would be spent and then submitted for reimbursement.

Suspension Authorization

Mr. La Salle reviewed the annual board authorization process for the superintendent and assistant superintendent to suspend students beyond 10 days as outlined in RSA 193:13.

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

Voted: To authorize the Superintendent and his designee to continue the suspension of a student for a period of up to ten additional school days as outlined in RSA 193:13(b).

Having no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously

High School Security

Mr. La Salle addressed the board's request to respond to the vandalism incidents that occurred at the high school over the summer months that included damage to the driver's education car and graffiti to the snack shack. He reported that other districts garage their driver education cars to prevent vandalism. Mrs. Champey inquired if identification was possible of the person(s) from the surveillance. It was noted that many community residents and police officers watch over the district property and the district certainly appreciates and supports their efforts. Mr. La Salle recommended that before a decision is made on how to protect the district from vandalism an expert should be consulted to advise on the best method and that this information should be provided to the facilities committee for discussion.

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle thanked Mr. Hughes for his diligent work on the summer projects, he then reported on the larger summer projects:

Renovation of the Danville Kitchen

This project re-designed the kitchen and now provides a safer, more comfortable kitchen that is in compliance and allows staff to produce a better product for the students. Re-stocking of the kitchen is scheduled for Monday August 24th. He then invited the public to stop by and see the improved kitchen at Danville Elementary.

Danville Roof Project

This work was performed due to a faulty roofing material.

Danville Well

The new well has been issued a temporary permit to cut over to the new well. Previously the older well provided 6 gallons of water per minute. The new well provides 60 gallons per minute of high quality water without filtration.

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

The entrance/walkway from the parking lot has been surfaced. Large planters will be installed to prevent anyone from driving up to the front doors.

Atkinson Academy

Sprinkler and alarm project is complete.

Pollard School

Sprinkler project is complete and the entrance has been upgraded.

Timberlane Regional High School (TRHS)

Lockers have been installed and the science classrooms are being completed. The library has new computers, carpeting and furniture. The media room has new video equipment and is available to students and teachers all day.

Timberlane Regional Middle School (TRMS)

The intercom system is being upgraded and staff at the middle school is excited to know that the system will be heard clearly throughout the school.

Mrs. Champey and Mr. Paone reported their approval of the projects and stated it was a "job well done to Mr. La Salle and his staff!"

Mr. La Salle reported on a legal issue presented to the district regarding the state's revision of the increase to the district's retirement system expense. He gathered information from the School Board Association and other groups since this action could be an illegal unfunded expense for the district.

He went on to explain that a group of districts and associations have joined together to support a legal challenge to prohibit the shift from the state's responsibility to the district on this matter. He informed the board that he has authorized the amount of up to \$6,000 to be spent from the legal fee account for this action.

On a motion by Mr. Paone, seconded by Mrs. Champey

Voted: Approve and support the expenditure of up to \$6,000 for legal costs in regards to a class action suit.

Having no further discussion, the motion passed seven in favor, one abstention (Mr. Collins)

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the following nominations and resignations of the following professional staff.

Nominations

Michael Grenier	TRHS Mathematics
Christina Helgerson	Danville, Grade 2
Noel Houle	TRHS, Special Education
Melissa Landry	Danville, Grade 3
Jamie Mallett	TRMS, Bridges
LeeAnne Miller	AA Pre-Kindergarten
Benjamin Morse	TRHS, Physical Science/Physics
Gregory Racki	TRHS, Social Studies (1 Yr position)
Jocelyn Richard	TRMS, Special Education
Barbara Sobol	AA, Library Media Specialist
Katie Strey	TRHS, Health/PE
Kristin Clifford	Sandown North, Occupational Therapist
Lorin Caffelle	TRMS, Special Education Dept Head

Resignations

Rebecca Almy	Pollard TLC, Speech/Language Pathologist (2 years with district)
Deborah Meyers	TRMS, Special Education (4 year with district)

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

Voted: To approve the nominations and resignations as stated below.

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Having no further discussion, the motion passed seven in favor, Mr. Collins was not present in the board room at the time of the motion.

Committee Reports

Mr. Collins reported the Community Relations newsletter was sent out to residents and the final cost was \$1,558.00. The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for September 17th, 2009. Mrs. Kosta asked to be included in the meeting.

Mrs. Champey stated the public is welcome to attend the Facilities tour of the schools and asked that tour schedules be posted on the website for the public viewing.

Correspondence

None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Other

Mr. Stokinger informed the board that a budget committee member from Sandown has resigned and requested anyone interested in this position to contact Mrs. Belcher at the SAU office. He reminded the public that the budget process begins on September 10th.

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

To go into a non-public meeting regarding personnel issue (c)

The board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 8:40 PM.

No action was taking during the non-public session.

On a motion by Mr. Porcelli, seconded by Mr. Mascola

To come out of the non-public meeting

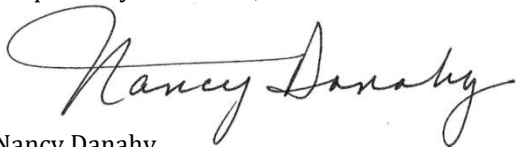
The board was polled with all members in favor of exiting the non-public session.

The board entered once again into a public meeting at 9:07 PM.

Mrs. Champey inquired if a ski coach had been arranged for the upcoming season. Mr. La Salle informed the board that Mr. Fantasia is still searching and will be interviewing candidates after the fall sports get underway.

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Kosta adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk