

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

**Regular Meeting**  
**April 15, 2010**  
**7:30 PM**

**SAU 55 Office**  
**30 Greenough Road**  
**Plaistow, NH**

**Call to Order**

Madam Chair Kosta called this April 15, 2010 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Lori Aubrey, Elizabeth Kosta, Michael Mascola, John Paone, Nancy Steenson, Lisa Withee and Student Representative Holly Ange.

**Board Members not in attendance**

William Baldwin, Robert Collins and Louis Porcelli

**Administrators Present**

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
George Stokinger, Business Administrator  
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education  
Scott Strange, Interim Director of Secondary Education  
Angelo Fantasia, Director of Athletics

**Pledge**

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

**Minutes**

The board reviewed the public and non-public minutes of the March 18 and April 1, 2010 meetings.

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the public and non-public meeting minutes of the March 18 and April 1, 2010 meeting as written. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

Mrs. Danahy distributed the minutes of the expulsion hearing held on March 29, 2010. The board reviewed the minutes.

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the expulsion meeting minutes of March 29, 2010 as written. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the sealed expulsion meeting minutes of March 29, 2010 as written. Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

Ms. Jackie Efraimson introduced the new Community Agent Nicolas Delfino to the board. The board thanked Ms. Efraimson and welcomed Mr. Delfino.

Ms. Holly Ange reported to the board that students have written plays that will be presented at the Performing Arts Center. She announced the opening of Beauty and the Beast in May. She congratulated the Spanish, German and French Honor Societies for their accomplishments. She reported a win for the boy's baseball team.

**Current Business**

**Leaders in Prevention**

Ms. Kelly Binette, Counselor at the middle school, reported on the success of the New Hampshire Teen Institute trip. The focus was on bullying prevention. The students discussed, in three separate sessions, website access for parents and students and the chain of command when reporting incidents. They discussed leadership training, as well as how to listen and respond to students. All the students enjoyed the Speaker,

Mr. John Holloran, and brought skills back to other students at the middle school. There are more open conversations about bullying in and around the school and the trip has caused excitement among the students. The weekly meetings are now filled with ideas and solutions. Mrs. Aubrey thanked Ms. Binette for giving up her time and complimented her on a successful team trip. She noted the change in the culture at the middle school.

### **Destination Imagination**

The Timberlane Regional High School Destination Imagination (DI) team reported on the skills they learned through the DI exercises. They noted the activities helped develop team work among students and to work on problem solving skills. The team worked on a “DiBot” in which they created a robot that would lift a cup to water a tree. The theatrical portion of the equation was presented in a skit that addressed the environment impact of plants. The team placed first in the State meet and requested permission to attend the Global meet in Tennessee. They reported that they will fund the trip by holding bake and yard sales, as well as car washes and tagging at Shaw’s supermarket. They will seek companies to sponsor their trip as well. The team reviewed the expenses for the entire trips.

**Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to donate \$2,163 to the DI team for their trip to Tennessee, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

The team then reported they would be leaving on May 26, 2010 and will be in Tennessee on May 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. They requested permission to attend the Global meet.

**Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to grant permission to the Destination Imagination team to attend the Global meet in Tennessee on May 26, 27 and 28, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Steenson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

### **Scoreboard**

Angelo Fantasia, Director of Athletics, reported that after reviewing the details of the scoreboards he has determined the proposed scoreboard is compatible to the other boards on the grounds and the control panels are interchangeable.

He requested permission to allow advertisement to be displayed on the new scoreboard. He explained that the school logo will be on one panel and the advertisement would be on the other. He explained that a local merchant is interested in donating the scoreboard and would like to have their company logo appear on it. Mr. Paone inquired if the merchant currently does any business with the district. Mr. Fantasia explained that it is not that type of business; he preferred not to announce who the merchant is at this time without the merchant’s permission. Mr. La Salle suggested discussing the merchant during a non-public session.

### **New England Common Assessment Program results**

Mrs. Killen and Mr. Strainge explained that the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) results presented this evening are from the fall of 2009 testing. They explained the proficient level rating system and invited the public to review the state wide results on the State of New Hampstead [website](#).

Mrs. Killen reviewed a three year comparison of the data for year 2008, 2009 and 2010 testing years. Mr. La Salle explained the “cut score” which is, based on two factors, consistent and equalized testing for students. The testing is performed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and then again for the same student in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The level of growth is then determined and compared to state wide cut scores. Mr. Strainge noted that the NECAP testing shows the district how the curriculum and teaching methods are working to educate the students. All students are tested and expected to have the same results without consideration of a students learning ability or challenge. Mr. La Salle noted that the charts do show improvement for students but the cut score for all students is unrealistic. The district will continue to try to educate all students to the best of their ability.

### **Phone System**

Mr. La Salle informed the board that a request for proposal (RFP) was sent out in search of a new phone system for the SAU office and high school. Eight companies responded and the requests were narrowed down to two companies that were the lowest bidders and were able to provide all the requirements of the system that were requesting. Both companies were interviewed and a consultant was asked for their advice since the purchase is so detailed, costly, complex and needs to span throughout the district. The consultant complimented the district on the quality of the RFP and the proposals chosen. Both systems would work well in meeting the district’s requirements. The lowest bidder was Carousel Industries and they presented an

Avaya system. Mr. La Salle then reviewed the costs sheets and points of interest. He outlined the phases of the installation over time beginning with the SAU office and the high school. Some of the features noted are the high level of E911 with an internal notification package. The integration of mirrored systems for redundancy means that the systems can support each other for phone usage and system problems.

**Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the Avaya phone system provided by Carousel Industries, Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

### **School Board Goals 2010-2011**

Madam Chair Kosta noted she received one goal from the board and would like some additional input from the members. She asked that members email her with their thoughts on the goals for the upcoming school year.

### **Administrators Report**

Mr. La Salle reported the Director of Secondary Education committee has been working hard on the interview process and they are narrowing the field. He hopes to be able to present their recommendation at the next school board meeting. Mr. Stokinger provided a brief overview of the 2009-2010 budget up to this point. He noted that at this time, due to the light utilities this winter and other favorable transaction, the district currently has a favorable balance of \$900,000. He explained that it is a snap shot in time and the final figures will be presented after the audit. Any surplus this year will go to reduce the budget next year. Mr. La Salle informed the board that an invitation was presented to Scott Strainge by the New Hampshire Commission to present his feature film presentation at the Superintendent and Commissioners conference in June. New Hampshire Chronicle will be televising his film in the near future.

### **Personnel**

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignations of the following staff:

- Bridgette Doucette TRMS Social Studies Teacher
- Kendra Melnick Pollard TLC program, Special Education
- Jocelyn Richard TRMS, Special Education

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept the resignations of**

- Bridgette Doucette TRMS Social Studies Teacher
- Kendra Melnick Pollard TLC program, Special Education
- Jocelyn Richard TRMS, Special Education

**Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

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

Mrs. Withee noted the Facilities committee will meet on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the SAU office.

Mrs. Aubrey attended the building renovations meeting as did Mr. Mascola who reported that a good representation of residents attended. Mr. La Salle noted that two building projects are scheduled. With the approval of the Fire Marshall and the Town of Atkinson the stage at Atkinson Academy will be removed during April vacation week to prepare for the upcoming kitchen renovations. The high school project will provide flexible use of the space for instructional purposes. The rooms will have different designs; one will be a clean space for designing and the other will be classified as a dirty space for building. Both spaces will be able to view and work with the other on projects. Decisions by the committee are being made with a lot of creativity. They will continue to define the design within the budget.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Vendor and Payroll**

Done

### **Other Business**

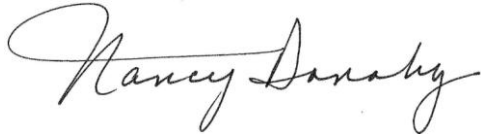
**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to enter into a non-public session regarding a property matter under RSA 91:A.3.II (d), Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 9:15 pm.**

**Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to exit the non-public session, Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion, the board was polled and exited into a non-public session at 9:30 pm.**

No Action was taken during the non-public session.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Kosta adjourned the meeting at 9:31 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 typed name.

Nancy Danahy  
Recording Clerk