

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

Regular Meeting
May 6, 2010
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Kosta called this May 6, 2010 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Lori Aubrey, Robert Collins (arrived at 7:46 pm), Elizabeth Kosta, Michael Mascola, John Paone, Nancy Steenson, Lisa Withee.

Board Members not in attendance

William Baldwin and Louis Porcelli

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Winfried Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education
Jo Ann Georgian, Principal of Sandown North Elementary School
Patricia Liff, Assistant Principal of the Sandown Elementary Schools
Mr. Douglas Rolph, Principal of Sandown Central Elementary School
Mrs. Janet Hart, Curriculum Coordinator, Timberlane Regional Middle School

Pledge

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

Minutes

The board reviewed the public and non-public minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the public and non-public meeting minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting as written. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Delegations and Individuals

Mr. Nick Delfino, Community Agent reported the Big Buddy-Little Buddy program will be held at Pollard School. The Student Council will hold their elections for new officers and welcome new members on May 11th, with their first meeting scheduled on May 18th. The New Hampshire Association of Student Councils will hold their awards ceremony on the May 14th and the annual Student Council camping trip will follow on June 12th.

Current Business

Weekend Camping Trip

Ms. Deyermond presented the particulars of the proposed weekend camping trip for students of Mrs. Deyermond and Ms. Corning. The students will leave the high school at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 14 and return on Sunday May 16th. They will camp at the Barnes Field, Dolly Copp Campground in Gorham, New Hampshire.

This trip is designed for 11th grade students who will work on problem solving skills and team building while the students can enjoy nature exploration void of electronic interruptions. The students will read Walden and "Into the Wild" prior to the trip and write a reflection essay afterwards.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to approve the May 14 through May 16, 2010 Dolly Copp

Campground trip for 30 students. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Student Programming

Mrs. Hart thanked the board for the initiative to integrate technology in the classrooms. She introduced Mrs. Hegstrom who is a 6th & 7th grade teacher at the middle school. Mrs. Hegstrom outlined the “Scratch” programming technology and language. She was pleased to see the creative skills that students experience when using this program. The program provides the means to create animation, story board, graphic novels, games and many more programs. She introduced one of her student, Mr. Gordon Smith who explained the software and provided a demonstration of the program with a completed short animation scene in just a few minutes. A second student of Mrs. Hegstrom, Ms. Emma Melanson demonstrated the variables that can be created within a game and then she added sound and additional motion to a game. The third student, Mr. Riley McGurn showed the code he used to create complex motion art. All the students used the same “Scratch” software and created very different complete applications in short time span. The board thanked all the students as well as Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Hegstrom for the presentation.

Department Reports

Sandown North

Mrs. Georgian and Mrs. Liff presented a Sandown North PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the mission statement and explained how the values, team work and the plan for success for all students are practiced daily at Sandown North. They reviewed the Response to Instruction program and how the three tier program infrastructure works.

Sandown Central

Mr. Rolph thanked his staff for their support and hard work as a team for all students. He reviewed the Core Reading tool “Reading Street” and noted that “My Sidewalks” is a tool for students who are having a harder time with reading.

He then reviewed the three-tier Response to Instruction and how it works with the other programs. He discussed how teachers transfer the focus on learning from Teacher to student throughout the school year. He explained how the “I do, we do, you do it together then you do it alone” reading process is effective and practiced daily throughout all subjects. He has observed all classrooms and is impressed with the student knowledge and creativity.

He continued to note that the Professional Learning Communities have been a success and build strong teams to ensure students are learning. He also noted the effectiveness of the data, reports and analysis. He then reviewed all the subject curriculum and programs offered at Sandown Central.

Federal Funding Authorization

Mr. La Salle noted each year the board must authorize the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator and Assistant Business Administrator to apply for and receive, on behalf of the District, federal and state grants/funding.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to authorize Superintendent Richard La Salle, Assistant Superintended Winfred Feneberg, Business Administrator George Stokinger and Assistant Business Administrator Kathleen Smith to apply for and receive on behalf of the District federal and state grants and funding which will include approving and signing OBM form 1’s, form 3’s and form 4’s and to file such authorization with the NH Department of Education. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Policies

Mr. Feneberg presented the following list of policies with proposed changes highlighted for a first reading.

ABA (also IJOC)	Volunteer Involvement
IJOC (also ABA)	Volunteers
AC	Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity
IHAM	Health Education and Exemption from Instruction
GBE-R	Staff Responsibilities

GBEC (also ADB/JICH) Drug-Free Workplace
ADB (also GBEC/JICH) Drug-Free Workplace

Mr. Feneberg explained that as a continuing project all policies are reviewed for updating and any state requirements changes. Mrs. Aubrey noted a few changes to policy AC and IHAM which were noted. Mr. Feneberg discussed policy AC with the district legal advisor and they suggested that it be updated ASAP.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to waive the first and second reading policy for the proposed *Policy AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity*. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to adopt *Policy AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity*. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept the first reading for *Policies*

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<i>GBE-R</i>	<i>Staff Responsibilities</i>
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Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

2010-2011 School Board Goals

Mrs. Withee suggested putting the 2010-2011 School Board Goals on the next agenda for discussion on goal # 4. The board discussed some minor changes to goals two and three and the need to address Facilities goals in this statement.

Administrators Report

Mr. La Salle was presented a late request for early graduation for Skyler Menke from Mr. Leary. He reported this student has the required credits needed to graduate early and has been accepted at a college.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the early graduation of Skyler Menke. Mrs. Steenson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. La Salle reported that Danville Elementary School has been notified that a playground donation of basketball hoops and shaded portico with a value of approximately \$10,000 has been presented to him. He requested holding a public hearing at the May 20th School Board meeting and allow Mrs. Hart to present the details of the plans.

Mr. La Salle reported the benches for the basketball hoops project at the Middle school which were provided by the Parent Teachers Association is near completion. And he also noted that Mr. Porcelli is working with the Town of Sandown to open discussions regarding the consolidation of the Sandown Schools.

Personnel

Mr. Feneberg announced the search committee recommended two candidates for the Director of Secondary Education position to Mr. La Salle.

After interviewing both candidate and checking references Mr. La Salle recommended nominating Mr. Scott Straine to the position of Director of Secondary Education.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the nomination of Scott Strange to the position of Director of Secondary education. Mr. Collins seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. Mascola confirmed that the effective date of the change for Mr. Strange to Director of Secondary Education for the Timberlane Regional School District will be July 1, 2010.

Mr. La Salle nominated Matthew McCabe for the Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School.

Motion: Mr. Mascola motioned to accept the nomination of Matthew McCabe to the position of Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School. Mr. Paone seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. La Salle recommended re-nominating Darlene Schmidt as a Middle School Seventh Grade Teacher.

Motion: Mrs. Steenson motioned to accept the re-nomination of Darlene Schmidt to the position of Seventh Grade Teacher. Mrs. Aubrey seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the following resignations

Erica Almeida	Atkinson Academy	3rd Grade Teacher
Tova Ladley	High School	Mathematics
Barbara Sobol	Atkinson Academy	Media Generalist
Maureen Woodward	Pollard	Occupational Therapist

Motion: Mr. Paone motioned to accept the resignations of the following professional staff:

Erica Almeida	Atkinson Academy	3rd Grade Teacher
Tova Ladley	High School	Mathematics
Barbara Sobol	Atkinson Academy	Media Generalist
Maureen Woodward	Pollard	Occupational Therapist

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

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirement of Rene Thompson Second Grade Teacher at Sandown Central.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept the retirement of Rene Thompson with regret. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Collins reported that the next Budget Committee meeting will be held on May 13th.

Mrs. Withee and Mrs. Aubrey attended the Facilities meeting on May 4th. Mrs. Withee reported the committee reviewed the spring 2010 proposed maintenance and renovation projects. The committee wished to re-instate some critical projects since Mr. Stokinger reported a surplus in the 2009-2010 budget.

Mr. Stokinger inquired to the committee if it made sense to move forward with the surplus money to do some of the critical projects for the district that were cut due to budget consideration. The projects proposed total approximately \$119,700.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the Maintenance and Renovation additional year end projects. Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Madam Chair Kosta attended the Curriculum Committee meeting.

Correspondence

None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Other

Mr. Collins asked for the YEES reference report from Manchester. Mr. La Salle noted that he had requested this report many times and will call them directly to escalate the request. He did note that the YESS program is proving successful at the high school.

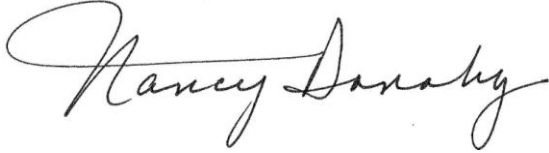
Mr. Collins asked if any plans have been made to present the NECAP results to the public. Mr. La Salle noted that the results are posted on the Department of Education website and asked Mr. Collins if he had specific questions he should arrange a meeting for this discussion.

The third request from Mr. Collins was to verify that the early release days are still an option for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. La Salle reported the new report card issue that Mr. Collins presented previously is still in development and not in a presentation format as yet. Mr. Collins asked if the teachers could be surveyed for their thoughts on early release days.

Mr. Paone clarified that the 2010-2011 school year calendar has been set and if any changes were considered that they must be voted on by the board. Mr. La Salle confirmed that any changes would be presented to the board for their consideration and a vote would be needed to change the calendar.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Kosta adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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 and title.

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk