

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

**Regular Meeting**  
**October 15, 2009**  
**7:30 PM**

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

**Call to Order**

Madam Chair Kosta called this October 15, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Lori Aubrey, Arlene Champey, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Kosta, Michael Mascola, John Paone, Louis Porcelli, Lisa Withee and Student Representative Holly Ange

**Board Members not in attendance**

William Baldwin

**Administrators Present**

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Charles Coker, Director of Secondary Education  
George Stokinger, Business Administrator

**Pledge**

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

**Minutes**

The board reviewed the public minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting.

**Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting as written, Mrs. Aubrey seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed (7-1) Mr. Mascola abstained.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

Jackie Efraimson, Student Council and Community Agent reported that students enjoyed homecoming celebrations over the past week. Julie Guzman was elected Ms. Timberlane and Josh Tubbs, Mr. Timberlane. A carnival was enjoyed by all on Wednesday evening after the sun came out late in the day.

She continued to report that a pep rally was held on Friday which included boy cheerleaders and the captains of sports teams providing a brief statement about their teams. The students then enjoyed a school dance where Tori Hastings and Chris Dow were crowned "Homecoming King and Queen."

Trick or Can will be held in Plaistow this year. The Student Council assisted parents during the open house at the high school.

Ms. Ange reported that the first progress reports were sent home a few weeks ago and teachers are reminding students that the first quarter will end in a few short weeks. She reported on the successful lockdown at the high school.

The German exchange students returned to Germany last week after a tearful goodbye. They are all looking forward to a reunion when students from Timberlane visit Germany in June. She reviewed the sports team standing and the music program as well as the Timberlane Players presentation of "The Odd Couple" in early November.

**Current Business**

**Dogs in School/Breathalyzer**

Mr. La Salle reported on the constitutional rights of students discussed at the Kidder Law conference he attended this past week.

He thanked the Plaistow Police and Chief Savage for the cooperation in organizing the lockdown and providing the increased number of dogs to sweep/scan the school. This sweep acts as a deterrent for drug use and reminds students to make good decisions. He reported that only a used smoking pipe was discovered which speaks well of the high school and quells rumors. It also sends a positive message to all students confirming illegal use of drugs is a poor choice.

He then addressed the reasonable versus unreasonable search of students, noting that if a pattern of illegal drugs or alcohol use presents itself at a school function, then the administration could decide to use breathalyzers at that function. The staff at the high school has expressed their preference to use breathalyzers at the school dances.

Mr. La Salle recommended the school board consider creating a policy regarding the use of a breathalyzers at school functions. In the event the use of the breathalyzers was challenged, the challenge would be against the policy itself and not a specific person. A discussion ensued regarding the importance of the safety of all students.

#### **Policies**

Mr. La Salle presented policies IHBA, Specific Learning Disability Evaluation and IHBAB, Special Education Evaluations for second reading and adoption consideration.

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the second reading of policies IHBA, Learning Disability Evaluation and IHBAB Special Education Evaluations', seconded by Mrs. Withee. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).**

Mrs. Champey reported the policy committee met again regarding policy KDCA as requested by the board. After careful consideration the committee recommended no changes to the policy.

Mr. Coker informed the board he has tried to assist groups with their efforts to send informational material to all residents and will continue to do so. Mr. Paone would like to see the information on this policy advertised on the TENetwork and also include it in the newsletter sent out by the community relations committee.

#### **2010-2011 Budget**

Mr. La Salle reported that the budget goal of the administration this year is to identify essential needs for students. Most buildings and department level increases have been small except for the high school which is searching for alternatives on licensing costs.

He then solicited the board's input on non-affiliated staff raises. He recommended a 2% increase on average for administrators and support staff. He noted of the cost of living index, which due to the economic times, is negative.

Mrs. Champey inquired about the step and track tables. Mr. La Salle explained that in the educational field step and track is an important tool in keeping the district competitive in retaining quality staff. Mr. Collins asked Mr. La Salle to provide data from other surrounding districts of what they will be granting for staff increases in the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. La Salle then addressed the facilities requirements which were listed as immediate, medium and long term needs. The merit of each project was considered and will be shared with the facilities committee. Mr. La Salle reminded the board that the document he provided is a working document intended to keep the schools safe and comfortable to encourage learning for all students. A discussion ensued regarding the process to determine which projects impact education and safety and how and when those projects would be accomplished.

Also discussed was the request for an SAU generator. It was noted that the district office serves as a hub for all district computers and software, and that brown outs and black outs have caused destruction to computer equipment. When the SAU office is "down" the entire district has no access to their student information. This problem has occurred frequently in the past. A generator will provide adequate power to the SAU.

#### **Administrators Report**

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting Dyllan Tapley into the early graduation program.

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept Dyllan Tapley into the early graduation program, seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no**

**further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Coker reported on the current H1N1 State reporting process; all schools in the district are reporting to the State on a regular basis.

**Personnel**

None

**Committee and Reports of the School Board**

Mrs. Kosta informed the board that the training for Robert Rules will be offered to the Hampstead School Board as well as the district budget committee. She will inform the board when the final date is set.

Mrs. Champey reminded the board that the safety committee will meet next month; the policy committee is reviewing policies that have not been reviewed in recent years. She noted the next session for TTA negotiations will be held in November.

Mr. Collins noted the community relations committee will be working on the school calendar issue and is hoping for regional consideration of the revised calendar. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at the SAU office at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Porcelli attended a facilities meeting where he stated he was impressed that the administration and facilities committee work so well together as a team.

Mrs. Kosta reported the curriculum committee meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at the SAU building.

**Correspondence**

None

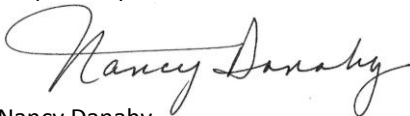
**Vendor and Payroll**

Done

**Other**

With no further business before the board, Madam Chair Kosta adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk