

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

**Regular Meeting**  
September 17, 2009  
8:30 PM

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

**Call to Order**

Madam Chair Kosta called this September 17, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting to order at 8:30 pm. Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

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

**Administrators Present**

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Kelli Killen, Director of Elementary Education  
Kathleen Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy  
Donald Woodworth, Principal of Timberlane Regional High School  
Christopher Snyder, Assistant Principal of Atkinson Academy

**Others Present**

Jeffrey Goddard, Physical Education Teacher at Atkinson Academy

**Pledge**

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

**Minutes**

The board reviewed the public minutes of the September 3, 2009 meeting.

**Motion:** Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of the September 3, 2009 meeting as written, Mr. Mascola seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 8-0 with one abstention (Porcelli).

**Delegations and Individuals**

Jackson Gaylord, District Director of the Daniel Webster Boy Scouts of America asked the board to reconsider the recently revised policy where fliers from non-profit organizations are no longer allowed to be sent home in student backpacks. The board thanked Mr. Gaylord for his input and informed the public the policy would be reviewed by the policy committee.

Ms. Holly Ange, Student Representative reported that as the school year begins students are getting adjusted to their new classes and grade levels. The senior class photo was taken when the seniors filed onto the football field into the shape of a giant "2010." All the students jumped into the air as the picture was taken.

Ms. Ange did note a controversy among students regarding the decision to NOT broadcast the live President Obama's education speech. A common thought expressed by students is it was a ground breaking event to have the President of the United States broadcast a message to students directly.

She reported school activities and sports have picked up since the start of the school year with the Timberlane Players working hard on rehearsing two different versions of the fall comedy, "The Odd Couple." Girls field hockey, soccer and volleyball as well as boys' football, golf soccer and volleyball records were reported.

**Current Business**

**Atkinson Academy Donation**

Mrs. Dayotis, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Goddard reported the Atkinson PTA presented them with a check for \$9,046 for the installation of a rock climbing wall at Atkinson Academy. Mr. Goddard reported on the positive aspects of a climbing wall and how students would benefit from the experience. A discussion ensued regarding location, safety procedures, as well as maintenance of the equipment.

**Motion:** Mr. Baldwin motioned to approve the acceptance of the Atkinson PTA check for \$9,046 to install a climbing wall at Atkinson Academy, seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Noting Mr. Baldwin's upcoming deployment to Iraq, Mrs. Dayotis wished him (Baldwin) a safe journey and expressed her hope that he would utilize the distance learning program while he is deployed.

#### **Truant Officer**

A discussion resumed from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 meeting as Mr. La Salle provided additional information regarding a business located in Nashua, NH that provides service as well as statistical information on attendance and truancy. He reviewed the Youth Educational Employment Service, Inc. (YEES) program.

He highlighted the responsibilities and accountability that this program provides which includes mediation, intensive supervision, tracking, communication and job training. After a lengthy discussion involving the current laws, processes and procedures Mr. La Salle recommended he could request the YEES team present the program to the high and middle schools. The program would then be evaluated to determine if it is a good fit for this district. He also suggested that a pilot program could be evaluated before any consideration for budgeting is made.

Mr. Paone asked to be involved in evaluating our current program as well as any presentation regarding this subject. Madam Chair Kosta asked if other board members would also like to be included in the evaluation and presentation of this program. Mrs. Withee, Mrs. Champey and Madam Chair Kosta showed their interest in being present during these presentations.

#### **National School Board Association Delegate**

This discussion was also continued from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 meeting whereby the recent enrollment of the school board into the (NSBA) National Affiliate Program requires a board member to serve as the National Affiliate Advocacy Network (NAAN) representative. Madam Chair Kosta inquired if any board members were interested in becoming the NAAN representative. Noting no response to the affirmative, Madam Chair accepted the responsibility of the NAAN Representative for the Timberlane Regional School Board at this time.

#### **Administrators Report**

Mr. La Salle reported that the ARRA grant has been approved.

#### **Personnel**

None

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

Mr. Porcelli attended the Facilities tours and was impressed with the maintenance staff and their director, Mr. Hughes.

Mrs. Withee also attended the Facilities tours, she also received grant information regarding the "Safe Routes to School" proposed grant. This grant would ask the district to install sidewalks along Greenough Road. Mr. La Salle clarified the pro and cons of the installation of the sidewalks. He noted more discussion is needed to evaluate in determining the best locations for sidewalks on Greenough and Linebrook Roads. Mrs. Withee confirmed that the Facilities Committee is requesting additional information on this grant. She continued to report that vandalism is occurring at Pollard School and it is a school and community issue.

Mrs. Aubrey also attended the Facilities tours and the Secondary Transition Committee meeting.

Mr. Mascola attended the Budget Committee meeting and reported the Budget Committee needs two member seats filled; one from Sandown and the other from Plaistow. He requested any residents of these towns that are interested in serving on the Budget Committee to please contact Mr. Charles Balanoff.

Mrs. Champey also attended the Facilities tours and the Policy Committee meeting which a community resident

presented their view on policy "KDCA." She reminded the public that this policy was revised under the direction of the district's legal counsel. She reported the Policy Committee meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm at the SAU office. She also attended the negotiations for the Timberlane Teacher's Association.

Mr. Baldwin also attended the Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Collins attended a Selectman's meeting at the Town Hall in Danville on August 31 where Mr. La Salle presented the District's Capital Improvement Plan. Today he also attended the Community Relations Committee meeting and reported the next meeting is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Mrs. Kosta attended the negotiations for the Timberlane Teacher's Association as well as the Curriculum Committee.

#### **Correspondence**

A letter from Mrs. Laurie Crabtree was presented to the board members for their review.

#### **Vendor and Payroll**

Done

#### **Other**

Madam Chair Kosta reassured Mr. Baldwin that his seat will be there when he returns from serving his country.

Mr. Baldwin thanked that public, the Atkinson Community, Administrators and his fellow Board Members for their support for him and his family during his deployment. He expressed his pride and honor in serving his country.

**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to enter into a non-public meeting regarding personnel issue RSA 91:A.3.II (c) seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion, the board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 10:15 pm.**

Action was taking during the non-public session.

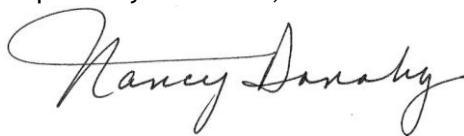
**Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to exit the non-public meeting seconded by Mr. Baldwin. With no further discussion, the board was polled with all members in favor of exiting the non-public session.**

The board entered once again into a public meeting at 10:35 pm.

**Motion: Mr. Baldwin motioned to approve sealing the non-public minutes until June 30, 2010, seconded by Mr. Paone. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0)**

With no further business before the board, Madam Chair Kosta adjourned the meeting at 10:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk