

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

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Regular Meeting
November 19, 2009
7:30 PM

Call to Order

Madam Chair Kosta called this November 19, 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

Not in attendance

William Baldwin

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Charles Coker, Director of Secondary Education
Donald Woodworth, Principal of Timberlane Regional High School
Mr. Hughes, Director of Facilities

Pledge

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

Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 5, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Withee motioned to approve the Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting minutes of November 5, 2009 with changes. Mr. Porcelli seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Delegations and Individuals

Holly Ange, TRSB Student Representative reported that fall sports have ended with the Girls' Field Hockey team placing first in the state and the Boys' Volleyball team placing 2nd. She noted winter sports are about to begin their season and Timberlane Players presented "The Odd Couple" to rave reviews. The theme for this year's semi-formal dance will be "Winter Wonderland" and should be held in the first weeks of December. The Historical Honor Society hosted a veteran's breakfast where the students interviewed veterans who shared their experiences of war, including WWII, the Cold War and the Vietnam War. An experience, she reported, they will never forget.

Current Business

Energy Star Awards

Mr. Hughes was pleased to report six buildings qualified for and received the Environmental Protection Agency Energy Seal of Approval. Mr. Henry Dick, Executive Director of the Jordan Institute, presented the awards to the High and Middle Schools, the Performing Arts Center, Pollard Elementary, Sandown Central and Sandown North schools. He praised the district for their tremendous commitment and effort in making their buildings more energy efficient. Mr. La Salle congratulated the Timberlane facilities team for this achievement and commended the team for their year-round commitment and hard work for putting Timberlane out front in New Hampshire and setting standards for others to follow.

Tuition Request

Sandown resident Mrs. Cheryl Turner requested the school district pay the \$6,750 high school tuition (over a two-year period) for her son to attend Pinkerton Academy. She explained that the \$6,750 for four-year high school enrollment at PA is considerably less than the anticipated cost to attend the Timberlane Regional High School. The reduced tuition rate is an employment benefit as she is a PA staff member. Additionally, the AFJROTC program at PA would greatly benefit her son who

aspires to become an Eagle Scout.

Mr. La Salle clarified that this reverse tuition request should be addressed under policy JEBA (Non-District Schools Attendance) as Pinkerton Academy is not considered a public school but a private academy. Concern was expressed by board members that other students would request tuition payments on their behalf to attend other public and private high schools. Mr. La Salle explained that child endangerment is a reason the district would consider sending a student to a different high school; that is if the district determined that a safe environment was not possible within the district or in the matter of a court order. Ms. Ange suggested inquiring if the PA ROTC program could be offered to TRSD students at PA or if the program could be offered at Timberlane. Mr. La Salle agreed to look into an ROTC program for Timberlane, and to further contact Mrs. Turner with a decision relative to her request.

Program of Studies

Mr. Woodworth provided information regarding the additional courses offered in the high schools program of studies. He reviewed the following changes or additions to the program:

Creative Writing Workshop II

Integrated Technology Solutions

French V CCP

Introduction to Game Programming through Animation

Advanced Game Programming and Web Game Design

Pottery II

Spanish V CCP

French C Acc

Contemporary Culinary Arts

Spanish V ACC

College Mathematics

Mr. Woodworth also presented the high school 2010-11 English Curriculum for review. He noted the standards, unit outlines, resources, key terms test schedule, programs and assessments.

Policies

Mr. Coker presented the following policies for second reading

- BEA School Board Meeting
- BGC Policy Review and Evaluation
- BGA Policy Development System
- CHD Administration in Policy Absence (also BFE)
- BFE Administration in Policy Absence
- KDCA Display and Distribution of Informational Materials and Announcements

Motion: Mr. Aubrey motioned to adopt the following policies as written,

- BEA School Board Meeting
- BGC Policy Review and Evaluation
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- CHD Administration in Policy Absence (also BFE)
- BFE Administration in Policy Absence
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The motion was seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

2010-2011 Proposed Budget

Mr. Stokinger presented a first draft of the purposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year. He noted the major factors (with changes over \$20,000) affecting the budget. These included salaries, employee insurance, retirement, transportation, tuition professional services, etc. He noted the increase in the budget is \$2,039,793 of which \$1,415,632 is for accounts that the administration has no discretion to change. He then presented to the board graphs that show the breakdown of expenses by categories and the detailed line item report for the entire proposed 2010-2011 budget. He reported Primex³ has offered the district a multi-year discount program for workers compensation and property liability coverage.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the discount program offered by Primex³ for the workers compensation and property/liability coverage, Mr. Porcelli seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Administrators Report

- Mr. La Salle announced that this was Mr. Coker's last meeting with the board and that all four curriculum coordinators from the middle and high school interviewed for the interim director of secondary education position. He noted how impressed he was with all of the candidates reflecting the quality of staff here in the district. Congratulations were then

extended to Mr. Strainge who will assume Mr. Coker's position for the remainder of the school year. Some restructuring in the position has taken place (i.e. Mr. Feneberg assuming the responsibilities for the policies, Mrs. Lovett assuming the health liaison duties and someone else will be appointed to assume the safety committee role).

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting with regret the retirement request of

- Claire Manes, Danville Reading Teacher (25 years with the District)
- Linda Morse, TRHS Nurse (15 Years with the District)

Motion: Mrs. Champey motioned to accept with regret and appreciation the retirement requests of Claire Manes and Linda Morse, seconded by Mr. Mascola. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Collins attended the Community Relations meeting this evening with the next one scheduled for December 17 at 6:30 PM at the SAU office.

Mrs. Champey attended the Policy Committee. The next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 10:15 AM.

Mr. Mascola attended the Budget Committee meeting and reported two interested parties from Sandown have contacted the office regarding the vacant Sandown positions. A representative from Plaistow is still being sought.

Mrs. Withee reported the next Facilities meeting will be on December 1 at 8:30 AM at the SAU office.

Mrs. Kosta reported the next scheduled Curriculum Committee meeting is December 9, 2009.

Correspondence

None

Vendor and Payroll

Completed

Other

Mr. Mascola requested Administrators from around the district, including the Safety Resource Officer, provide monthly presentations to the board over the next seven months. Mr. Collins suggested that at the board meeting prior the administrator's presentation, the board determine the subject matter they wish the administrator to address. Mrs. Kosta requested Mr. Timothy Lena present on the student night conferences at the middle school and the recent surveys at the December 1st meeting.

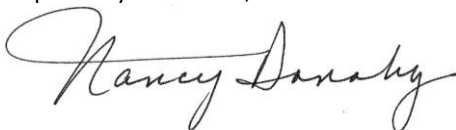
Mrs. Kosta also requested the school board notes be retained on the website for at least one year.

Mr. Collins requested the prior minutes of the school board (stored on the previous website) be added to the present website. He volunteered to format the minutes in preparing them for the new website.

The board asked Mr. La Salle to obtain the YEES program history from Merrimack School District. The board also asked for the strand data of the NECAP tests previously submitted for board review.

With no further business, Mrs. Kosta adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk