

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

Regular Meeting
December 17, 2009
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Vice Chair Mascola called this December 17, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

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

Not in attendance

William Baldwin, Arlene Champey and Elizabeth Kosta

Administrators Present

Richard La Salle, Superintendent of Schools
Winfried Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger, Business Administrator
Scott Strainge, Director of Secondary Education
Donald Woodworth, Principal of Timberlane Regional High School

Pledge

Vice Chair Mascola led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 3, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to approve the Timberlane Regional School Board public and non-public meeting minutes of December 3, 2009 with changes. Mrs. Withee seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Delegations and Individuals

Holly Ange, TRSB Student Representative congratulated the Junior Executive Committee on the successful semi formal dance. She informed the board the National Honor Society has been fundraising by selling "enlighten-mints" which are candy canes that students and teachers can send to their friends for one dollar.

The French, Spanish and German Honor Societies have started planning this year's "Language Night." Students taking a foreign language class will perform skits or sing songs in the language they're studying. This festive event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31.

Ms. Ange went on to report that winter sports have begun, including the Boy's hockey and that the Girls' and Boys' basketball seasons are underway. She then congratulated the newly elected officer positions noting Kate Gardella, Secretary of Historical Honor Society, Kristine Valcourt, President of the French Honor Society, Callie Schena, Vice President of the Senior Exec, and Emily Korb, Stand-In President of Senior Exec. Midterms are on the horizon but not before the winter break.

Current Business

Lead Conference

Mr. Woodworth requested permission for Student Council members to attend an overnight trip to Washington, DC to attend the LEAD Conference. The conference is scheduled for February 4th to the 7th and encourages student's participation in student-run groups and round table conversations. It also provides good exposure and opportunities for students to learn strong leadership skills which they will bring back to share with the high school population.

Motion: Mr. Porcelli motioned to approve student council members to attend the LEAD Conference in Washington, DC from

February 4th to 7th, 2010. Mrs. Withee seconded. After a brief discussion encompassing the cost of the trip and fund raising efforts the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

TRHS Math Elective Curriculum

Mr. Strainge presented the 2010-2011 Math Elective Curriculum for first reading. He informed the public the proposed curriculum is posted on SharePoint and includes four courses: Algebra I, Algebra II, Trigonometry and SAT Math Preparations. Mr. Strainge stated the proposed curriculum was reviewed by the Curriculum and Assessment Committee and that he, as well as Mrs. Lee Daneau and Mrs. Barbara Hopkins, look forward to their comments and are happy to answer any questions they might have regarding it.

Warrant Articles

Mr. La Salle presented a draft of the 2010 TRSD Warrant. He reviewed the date and time of the meeting and then highlighted the voting locations and times. He proceeded to reviewed Article 1 which detailed the election of officer(s).

He read through Article 2 –Operating Budget and noted that they are still in the process of working on the budget however, the current proposed budget of \$61,764,677 is lower than the default budget of \$61,870,693. Mr. Collins inquired if any programs would be negatively affected if the proposed budget did not pass and the default budget was utilized. Mr. La Salle noted he would be able to support all the programs proposed since the proposed budget is less than the default budget.

Policies

Mr. Feneberg presented the following policies for second reading

- BEDB Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- DKA Payroll Procedures
- JECF Student Withdrawal From School
- JICI-R Modification of a Weapons Expulsion
- JKD-R Student Suspension
- JKE-R Student Expulsion
- JLI Safety Program (Also see EB)

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

- BEDB Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- DKA Payroll Procedures
- JECF Student Withdrawal From School
- JICI-R Modification of a Weapons Expulsion
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The motion was seconded by Mrs. Withee. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Feneberg noted the next policy committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2010.

School Board Notes

Mr. Collins requested Board approval to distribute the School Board Notes. He noted a title changes to the Energy Star article.

Motion: Mr. Paone motioned to approve the School Board Notes with changes for distribution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porcelli. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Collins noted that he will mail out the document as soon as possible.

New Hampshire School Board Association Delegate Assembly

Noting the military leave of Mr. Baldwin, Mr. La Salle inquired if any other board member would be willing to serve as the NHSBA Delegate Assembly on his behalf. The position requires the delegate receive and distribute information from the New Hampshire School Board Association as well as attend the 2010 NHSBA meeting on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Local Government Center in Concord, NH. Mr. Mascola promptly volunteered his services for this task.

2010-2011 Proposed Budget

Mr. Stokinger reviewed the previous drafts of the 2010-2011 proposed budget. He noted the changes made from the first draft through the fourth revision noting some of the major budget factors including salaries, employee insurance, retirement,

transportation, tuition and professional services. He pointed out the proposed budget is lower than the default budget.

Mr. Paone then inquired if the proposed budget would negatively impact student instruction. Mr. La Salle responded the proposed budget would not impact student instructions unless further cuts were needed. Personnel changes would be implemented to reduce the proposed budget further if needed.

Mr. La Salle noted the administrative team has done their due diligence on the proposed budget including benefits and personnel changes. He believes that no further cuts can be done without affecting student instruction. Mr. Porcelli noted that he was impressed with the proposed budget and congratulated the team on their work.

Administrators Report

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to enter into a non-public session regarding a personnel issue under RSA 91:A.3.II (c), seconded by Mrs. Aubrey. With no further discussion, the board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 9:00 pm.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to exit the non-public session, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey. With no further discussion, the board was polled and exited the non-public session at 9:35 pm.

No action was taken during the non-public session

Mr. La Salle then reported the American Recovery and Re-investment Act (ARRA) grant was approved for the full \$150,000 which will be used to enhance the middle school science program with computers and software.

He went on to say the Administrative team is working to secure a phone vendor. They have narrowed the search down to two vendors. He is hoping to be able to present a recommendation to the board soon.

Personnel

Mr. Feneberg recommended accepting the resignation request of

- Leisl Johnson TRHS English Teacher 7 year with the District

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept resignation request of Leisl Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Withee. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Feneberg then recommended accepting with regret the retirement request of

- Susan Fichera Pollard School Nurse 20 year with the District

Motion: Mrs. Aubrey motioned to accept with regret the retirement request of Susan Fichera, seconded by Mrs. Withee. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mrs. Aubrey attended the Secondary Transition Committee and noted "Freshman Parent Information Night" is scheduled for January 19, 2010.

Mr. Collins noted the Community Relations Committee will meet on January 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm and the Policy Committee will meet on January 21, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

Correspondence

Done

Vendor and Payroll

Completed

Other

Mr. Mascola noted the next Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2010 at 7:30 pm and the Public Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at the Performing Arts Center beginning at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Collins confirmed that Guidance will be reporting at the next School Board meeting. Board members requesting specific items be addressed should forward those items to Mrs. Belcher.

With no further business before the board, Mr. Mascola adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk