

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
February 19, 2009
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Mr. Baldwin, Chairperson called the School Board meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee and Mr. Delfino.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Baldwin led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrators Present

Mr. Feneberg Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Killen Director of Elementary Education
Mr. Stokinger Business Administrator
Mrs. Smith Assistant Business Administrator
Mrs. Dayotis Principal, Atkinson Academy
Mr. Woodworth Principal, Timberlane Regional High School

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mrs. Withee

To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Timberlane Regional School District Public Hearing and the meeting immediately following;

Having no further discussion the motion passed six in favor and three abstentions (Mrs. Champey, Mr. Mascola and Mr. Paone).

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mrs. Kosta

To approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board with changes.

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Kosta

To approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School District Deliberative Session and meeting immediately following.

Having no further discussion the motion passed seven in favor and one abstention (Mr. Paone).

Mr. Baldwin informed the public that the Board encourages citizens to attend its meeting and welcomes their views on pertinent subjects. Anyone may comment for up to five minutes during the Delegations and Individuals session of each Board meeting; they would just need to visually notify the chairperson of their intent to comment. Anyone may also comment on an agenda item for up to three minutes by completing a comment card and submitting it to the recording secretary prior to that agenda item being discussed by the Board.

He announced that abusive or defamatory remarks, demonstrations, disorderly conduct or interruptions are both unnecessary and unproductive and will not be tolerated. The speaker will be ruled out of order and they will forfeit their remaining comment time.

Delegations and Individuals

School Report

Mr. Delfino shared the success of the school dance which raised funds (\$1,300) for senior scholarships. He announced that

the Boys' Basketball team will play in the State Tournament and extended congratulations to the Wrestling team who has been named New England Champions.

TRHS Student and Community Agent Jackie Efraimson reported on upcoming events including the Southern New Hampshire pageant, Kids-Night-Out, and the District Job Fair.

Resident and parent Mrs. Sheila Allen presented her concerns regarding the wording of the current proposed Strategic Plan. She stated that access to leveled courses such as accelerated and advanced placement would not be provided under the language of the Strategic Plan. She conveyed her belief that this is not in the best interest of the students of the District.

Resident and parent Mrs. Nancy Steenson voiced her concerns relative to the process for specific changes in the plan and how they were presented. She conveyed her concern regarding the possibility of the elimination of leveling at the high school as well as the change to ninth grade physical science.

Current Business

Lead Field Trip request

High School Teacher Jennifer Libby-Barth and Kevin Zambrano, Student Council member, requested permission for Honor Society and Student Council members to attend the 2009 LEAD Conference in Harrisburg, PA. The conference is scheduled for March 13th through March 15th at the Hilton Harrisburg. This conference is designed for National Honor Society, Student Council members and their advisors. Mr. Woodworth supported the conference noting it offers attendees an opportunity to experience leadership, explore new ideas, and exchange concepts and resources with other leaders from around the country.

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Withee

To approve the LEAD Conference trip to Harrisburg, PA on March 13, 14 and 15th, 2009.

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

2009-2010 School Calendar

Assistant Superintendent Feneberg expressed the District's concern for the number of missed school days due to inclement weather experienced so far this year. The challenge to make up these days poses an opportunity to review other school calendar options that would build in makeup days throughout the school year. Administration has created two calendars that are currently posted on the District website. He asked that residents, students and parents review the calendars and submit their opinion via a survey form also posted on line.

He then reported survey notification messages were sent out through the AlertNow messaging system, via email to all staff members, and flyers home with students. He thanked the 572 responses received thus far and noted the final results of the survey and recommendations will be placed on the March 15th agenda.

Annual Report Postage

Business Administrator Stokinger requested the Board's approval to issue a check off cycle to pay for postage to mail out the annual report that would come due prior to the next School Board meeting. The approximate cost of the mailing is \$1,042.00.

On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Mascola

To approve issuing a postage check for the annual reports.

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Policy KDCA

A revision to policy KDCA was proposed requesting a change in the way the District distributes informational materials through students and schools. Mrs. Champey expressed the Policy Committee's concern regarding the time that staff spends organizing the distribution of flyers, informational materials and announcements. The new language outlines from whom and what materials would be sent home with students. The policy also addresses what can be displayed at the schools. This is a first reading of this proposed policy.

Changes to Course Selection Process

TRHS Principal Woodworth thanked the School Board, SAU, residents and all others who attended Coffee with the Principal at the high school. He explained that the new Algebra I Math Lab will move from a two-year progression program to a one-year design. This will provide a greater opportunity for low-achieving math students to go further with

math in high school. He believes this change will raise the bar for these students and the change is supported by NEASC, which believes that there should be equality for all students.

Mr. Woodworth then addressed changes to the World Language courses offered. He stated new opportunities are available at the high school with the successful addition of French and Spanish instruction at the middle school. Students will now be able to take up to five years of World Language in French and Spanish. They are currently developing AP courses in those classes to provide even further opportunities for the highly motivated World Language students.

In closing Mr. Woodworth noted that in order to provide an increased grasp of lab procedures and to increase the use of labs as a learning tool, the science department will offer Physical Science in a two-period one semester block. With residents, parents and students input, it was decided that recommended students will take linked Physical Science and Biology. Middle school science teachers will be asked to make recommendations for students to take either accelerated or CCP Physical Science.

Mr. Woodworth is pleased to present these changes and believes they address some of the high school's greatest needs and that they positively impact all students.

A discussion ensued regarding District policies IGA and IGD, curriculum changes and the process of the Curriculum Committee on changes to curriculum as opposed to changes in scheduling.

Strategic Plan

Mr. Feneberg reviewed the history of the strategic plan which is currently in the process of being developed. He reported that a steering committee of thirty individuals was formed in November of 2007 that included school board members, residents, staff, students and parents. Consultant Dr. Richard Lalley provided a road map of the District's future with targeted changes and quality improvements. The committee took this information and prepared a mission and belief statement with a vision of the future of the District.

He asked all to study the document for the next School Board meeting.

Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education, reminded the public that this is a living document with forward thinking ideas and thoughts. It's an opportunity to have a say in the future of the District. She encouraged all to study the document as it applies to the entire District and offer their opinions, thoughts, ideas and statements.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Feneberg congratulated Mr. Michael Hogan and his staff at the middle school for their efforts that resulted in NEASC accreditation.

Personnel

Mr. Feneberg provided the Board with an updated consultant's report dated February 19, 2009. He asked the Board to review the information and forward any questions to Chairman Baldwin.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mrs. Kosta attended the Curriculum Committee meeting on February 11, 2009; social studies for grades K through 8 were discussed as well as science curriculum.

Mrs. Champey reported the Policy Committee is reviewing policy KDCA and is hoping to get revisions to the Board as soon as possible.

Mr. Paone reported the Wind Ensemble will appear with the University of Maine, at Symphony Hall in Boston, Massachusetts in April and the Band is scheduled to participate in the Main Street Magic Kingdom Parade at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Kudos to the band and the wind ensemble!

Correspondence

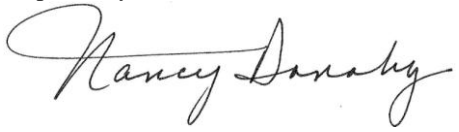
None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 9:10 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 printed name and title.

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk