

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

Regular Meeting  
March 5, 2009  
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

**Order**

Chairman Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Brown led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present**

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Joseph Delfino

**Absent:** None

**Administrators Present**

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Coker, Director of Secondary Education  
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator

**Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mrs. Withee**

**Voted:** To approve the minutes of the February 19, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting with changes.

**Having no further discussion the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

**School Report**

Ms. Jackie Efraimson, TRHS student and Community Agent informed the public that seven student council members will be traveling to Harrisburg Pennsylvania next week to attend the LEAD conference. Little Buddy/Big Buddy applications have all been received and the next step of assigning Big Buddies is scheduled for next week. Student Council members will also escort parents to classrooms during the open house.

Mr. Delfino recognized the wrestling team who will be competing in the State Tournament. The High School band was a success at the Disney parade in Florida.

Mrs. Brown, Recreation Director from Sandown and Mrs. Travers, Recreation Director from Atkinson and member of the Women's Civil Organization expressed their concern over the proposed changes to policy KDCA, *Display and distribution of informational materials and announcements*. They expressed their appreciation for the past opportunities afforded them by allowing students to carry home the information relative to the town's recreational programs. The towns' recreation departments have followed the guidelines and provided support to the school when requesting information be sent home via student packets. The information that is distributed supports town programs for residents and is a communication tool that reaches many residents of each town.

Mr. La Salle reassured Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Travers that the intent of the proposed policy is not to prohibit the distribution of information for federal, state or local government entities or school-affiliated parent-teacher organizations operating within the Timberlane Regional School District; but to update the policy to ensure that the district can filter material that the district would not approve for distribution.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Travers thanked the Board, Mr. La Salle and the public for their support.

**Current Business**

**Ferry Beach Ecology Trip**

Mrs. Mrowka and Mrs. Sherman from the middle school reported the fall trip to Ferry Beach was a success, as science teachers and students expanded their knowledge by attending the trip. It benefited students, teachers and the overall sense of community at the

middle school. Mrs. Mrowka and Mrs. Sherman have since revised the schedule so more students can enjoy this wonderful experience by allowing two groups to attend the next scheduled trip. This would involve two nights stay with one group, scheduled for Monday through Wednesday afternoon and the second group would be scheduled for Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon.

**On a motion by Mrs. Kosta, second by Mrs. Withee**

**Voted:** To approve the 2009 Ferry Beach Ecology Trip

**Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **2009-2010 School Calendar**

Mr. La Salle reviewed the current problems due to the number days school was not in session because of the ice storm and inclement weather. Mr. La Salle proposed scheduling students to attend school on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> during the previously scheduled April vacation. Although this poses a problem for the families of students and staff schedule vacation time during the April break; most of the staff has been generous by accommodating this schedule change. Only eighteen staff member were not able to change their schedules and would be excused from working on April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. La Salle stated he would notify the state of the schedule change and note that a waiver would not been requested at this time. The communication to the state will demonstrate that the district has made every effort to make up the lost instructional time. He clarified that the average daily membership would change if all sessions were not made up. This would change funding from the state by approximately 1%. A discussion ensued.

**On a motion by Mrs. Champey, second by Mrs. Withee**

**Voted:** To approve amending the 2008-2009 school calendar to include April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with an early release day on the 28<sup>th</sup> and to also change April 21<sup>st</sup> from early release day to a full day.

**Having no further discussion the motion passed eight members in favor and one opposed (Collins).**

#### **Results of the parent/staff surveys (2009-2010 school calendar)**

Mr. Coker reviewed the 2008-2010 school calendar survey results and noted that the continuity of instruction is important to parents and students. Other important items included early release in June and two scheduled vacations each year. Mr. Coker then presented five calendar draft calendars for the 2009-2010 school year. He asked the board to review the information. He again noted the importance of the continuity of instruction, to which the board noted that some of the proposed drafts are not cohesive with surrounding districts. The board asked to have this subject on the next agenda.

#### **Policy KDCA**

A revision to policy KDCA was proposed requesting a change in the distribution of informational materials through students and schools. Mr. Coker noted that the current process has been in place for approximately 10 to 15 years and Mrs. Morgan retains a data base of all parties that request information to be included in student packets. Once these changes are adopted, she will notify them (organizations and businesses) that the rules are scheduled to change on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The policy change has also been noted on the district website.

**On a motion by Mrs. Kosta, second by Mrs. Champey**

**Voted:** To adopt the amendments to policy KDCA (Distribution of informational materials)

**Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Strategic Plan Discussion**

Mr. Feneberg presented the challenges that faced the committee when developing the strategic plan draft that is before the board this evening. Mr. La Salle reviewed the mission statement and the beliefs for the students and staff. He completed his presentation by reviewing the vision of the district. Mr. Coker presented the high expectations and student competencies. Mr. La Salle addressed the priority areas for students and staff. Mr. Feneberg completed the presentation by reviewing the seven goals of the district as well as the process the plan would follow to become a working document for the steering committee. A discussion ensued.

**On a motion by Mr. Collins, second by Mrs. Aubrey**

**Voted:** To accept the strategic plan document.

**Having no further discussion the motion passed nine in favor and one opposed (John Paone opposed).**

**On a motion by Mr. Collins,**

**Voted:** To remove paragraph two of page 15 page of the proposed strategic plan.

**Motion was withdrawn**

**On a motion by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Paone**

**Voted:** To remove the second and third paragraphs from page 13 and 14 of the strategic plan draft.

**Having no further discussion the motion failed two in favor and seven opposed (Aubrey, Baldwin, Brown, Champey, Kosta, Mascola, Withee opposed).**

**On a motion by Mr. Collins, second by Mrs. Champey**

**Voted:** To remand the document back to the committee for review of pages 13 and 14, paragraphs two and three.  
**Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Aubrey requested an overview of the board's responsibilities regarding the strategic plan once the document is approved.

#### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. La Salle informed the board that the middle school has received the visiting committee's evaluation report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He thanked the community, staff and students for their input in this process. He then congratulated Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Chooljian who have been named to the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

#### **Personnel**

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignation of Helena England, TRMS Reading Specialist.

**On a motion by Mrs. Aubrey, second by Mr. Brown**

**Voted:** To accept the resignation of Helena England, Reading Specialist at the TRMS

**Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mr. Collins reported the next policy committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee and Mrs. Champey attended the Florida trip to Disney. Mrs. Kosta reported the next curriculum committee meeting is also scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Mrs. Withee also reported on the facilities committee meeting, she noted the committee discussed open projects and lighting projects. She noted the septic system was install and is up and running at the high school and the logistics for the Pollard School for voting during a school day was discussed as well as the ice storms costs.

#### **Correspondence**

None

#### **Vendor and Payroll**

Done

#### **Other**

Mr. Mascola asked the superintendent to consider withdrawing all passive parental permission slips. He gave an example of the survey permission slips where slips are returned only if the student would NOT be able to participate in the survey. This type of permission slip is also used with the student handbook. Mr. La Salle will review the issue and consider Mr. Mascola's request.

Mr. Baldwin presented Mr. Brown with a plaque recognizing him for his years of dedicated service to the district. He will be missed as a thoughtful and insightful member of the board.

It was noted that the annual report is now available.

**On a motion by Mr. Mascola, second by Mr. Brown**

**Voted:** To go into a non-public session regarding personnel

**The board was polled and the membership enter into a non-public session at 10:30 pm**

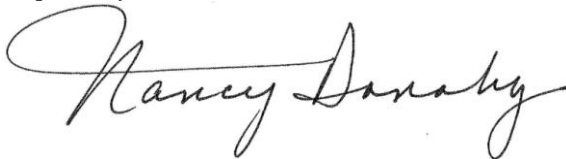
**On a motion by Mr. Mascola, second by Mrs. Aubrey**

**Voted:** To exit the non-public session at 11:11 pm

**The board was polled and the membership exited the non-public session**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 11:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk