

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

Regular Meeting
May 7, 2009
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Order

Chairwoman Kosta called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Joseph Delfino

Absent: Mrs. Champey and Mr. Collins

Administrators Present

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

Pledge

Mr. Delfino led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted: To approve the minutes of April 16, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting with changes.

Having no further discussion the motion passed with six in favor and one abstention (Mr. Porcelli).

Delegations and Individuals

Mrs. Michelle Drew of Danville expressed her concern regarding a situation that she had previously discussed with the Superintendent and Mrs. St. Cyr-Hodgkins (Director of Transportation). She presented the school board clerk with thirteen pages of documentation. Mrs. Kosta thanked Mrs. Drew for her participation.

Mrs. Herchenroder of Plaistow expressed her opposition regarding the new format of the approved 2009-2010 school year calendar. Mrs. Padian (Sandown), Mrs. Germain (Danville), Ms. Valhouli, Mr. Wentworth, Mrs. Rooney of Plaistow as well as Mrs. and Mr. O'Neil of Danville expressed similar opinions.

School Report

Mr. Delfino reported most students attended the two make-up days on April 27th and 28th. He also reported that West Side Story will be presented by the Timberlane Players on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Performing Arts Center. Senior events scheduled for May include the Senior Prom on the 15th and the Senior Cruise on the 27th.

Current Business

2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Mr. La Salle instructed the board on their options regarding the previously approved 2009-2010 school year calendar. He explained that once a calendar is approved by the board and if a resident or board member would like to re-address it, they would need to request the calendar be put on the agenda and presented for reconsideration. Should the board desire, they could vote to rescind the calendar and then choose to accept a

new calendar. Or, the board could choose not to consider approving a calendar at this time but consider approving one at a later date.

Mr. Paone reported that he had requested the calendar be added to the agenda. He explained that he had voted to approve the calendar but having listened to the students, residents and parents since the approval, he found that most were unhappy with the new calendar. A discussion ensued.

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

Voted: To rescind the approved 2009-2010 school year calendar.

Having no further discussion, the motion passed with four members voting in favor, two opposed (Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Mascola) and one abstaining (Mr. Baldwin).

A discussion regarding the rescinded calendar continued, Mr. La Salle clarified that a decision should be made on a new calendar sooner rather than later and that the deadline for a decision is June 1st.

Current and Future Projects Update

Lance Whitehead and Frank Urtz from Lavallee Brensinger reported as part of the capital improvement plan, that they have worked with engineers and Café Services to create solutions for the issues presented in the Danville kitchen project. They reviewed the fire suppression system as well as changes to the lay-out of the kitchen, equipment, plumbing code upgrades and future growth options. They received estimates from contractors and engineers including second options costs. They explained that small changes to the kitchen lay-out would create a safer traffic flow. The estimate for this summer project will not exceed \$180,000 with the air circulator cost estimated at \$24,000. Other equipment that was requested but cut from the project due to cost controls will be installed at a later date. The equipment needed for this summer's project will take approximately five to eight weeks lead time for delivery. Mr. La Salle reported the he has received approval from the state for the fire suppression system plan. He inquired if the board would like Harvey Construction to perform the work or seek bids for this part of the project. Harvey Construction would present a bid list and go out for bids on all aspects of the project.

On a motion by Mr. Porcelli, seconded by Mr. Paone

Voted: To approve Harvey Construction as construction manager of the Danville kitchen project.

Having no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

The capital improvement plan discussion continued with the proposed consolidation for the Sandown Central and North schools. The board discussed the savings to the district as well as the need to present another warrant article for the voters' approval. The importance of continued communication to all residents of all four towns on this issue was noted.

The need for a new middle school was then discussed. Mr. La Salle noted that it is a priority for the district and the planning should be moved to the next step. He noted that there is a good location on the current property that can be developed but, it does have some access issues that need to be addressed. Mr. Baldwin suggested a *Middle School Building Needs Committee* be formed to develop and organize this project as well as a *Sandown Committee* to organize the communication needs of this project.

AYP/NECAP Reports

Mrs. Killen and Mr. Coker presented the AYP and NECAP reports for the testing performed in October 2008. They reported all students and the District made AYP. Two schools in the district did not make AYP: TRHS and the Pollard School. A discussion ensued.

Policies

Mr. Coker presented the following policy amendments for a second reading and adoption:

- **ADAB;** Timberlane Regional Middle School – Statement of Purpose
- **IKFA;** Early Graduation

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

Voted: Approve and adopt the amendments for policies

- **ADAB** (TRMS – Statement of Purpose) and
- **IKFA** (Early Graduation)

Having no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

School Board Goals

Chairwoman Kosta presented the school board goals to be considered for the 2009-2010 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Mascola

Voted: To approve working on the living document of the 2009-2010 School Board Goals as presented.

Having no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Danville Class Action Settlement

Mr. Stoking reported that the solid foam material installed under the Danville Elementary School roof in 1987 was found to be defective. The district then joined a class action lawsuit which resulted in a settlement of \$7,500 (approximately ten percent of the cost of the roof). The claims office will now remove and seal the rust that was caused by the defective decking. Mr. Stoking recommended accepting the settlement offer and designating a signer for the settlement agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Paone

Voted: To accept the settlement agreement offer for the Danville School defective roofing as presented and approve George Stoking as the signer for the agreement.

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stoking reported on the recent receipts from the state for building aid, catastrophic aid and noted the budget is currently on target.

Administrator Report

Mr. La Salle was pleased to report that the following students at Pollard School were named New Hampshire Young Inventors:

Joshua Grambow
Bryce Whittaker
Julianne Gordon
Michelle Fredericks
Drew Hogg
Kendall Broadhurst
Derek Ingalls
Ahibit Shah
Zachary Mechemer
Devin Farrell
Joshua Petrin
Bryce Langlois Christian Petry
Billy Savage

Also the following students were name for receiving honorable mentions in the Reading Rainbow Writing Contest:

Jackie Sampson
Olivia Heffernan
Kendall Broadhurst

He reported that on June 10th the district will celebrate the dedication of all the district retirees for the 2008-2009 school year. He was pleased to announce that attendance reports for April 27th and 28th show only a 10% reduction in student attendance and commended the students for their support. He asked students, parents and teachers to continue their support of the students' education by attending school and participating in their education.

Mr. La Salle reported that the bids for the Pollard School sprinkler project were received and opened. He contacted the lowest bidder and discussed the project, however, he then chose the second lowest bid - Hampshire Fire Protection. His reason for doing so was relative to the project completion dates and his confidence in Hampshire Fire Protection's ability to complete the project on time and on budget.

Mr. La Salle reported the cost of the antenna that will be installed on the roof of the high school came in at \$8,600 and is awaiting further information on operational costs.

Mr. La Salle recommended that the board approve modifying the work hours for the district during the summer months. He requested allowing the staff to work a four-day work week (closing on Fridays) beginning the week of July 6th and ending on Monday, August 10th.

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

Voted: To approve the district modifying the work hours for the summer months from July 6th through August 10th.

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended the re-nomination of

- Mary Eifler TRHS Spanish for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- Mary Eifler TRHS Spanish for the 2009-2010 school year

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

Voted: To approve the nomination of

- Mary Eifler TRHS Spanish for the remainder for the 2008-2009 school year
- Mary Eifler TRHS Spanish for the 2009-2010 school year

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirement of

- Ronald Edmiston TRHS Science teacher (15 yrs with the district)

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

Voted: To accept the retirement with regret of

- Ronald Edmiston TRHS Science teacher

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignation of

- Laurie Gulla SN Occupational Therapist

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

Voted: To accept the resignation of

- Laurie Gulla SN Occupational Therapist

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting a one-year childrearing leave of absence of

- Sandra McKeen SN Teacher

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

Voted: To approve the one-year childrearing leave of absence of

- Sandra McKeen SN Teacher

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. La Salle recommended the nomination of

- Ronald Edmiston TRHS Science Teacher 40% (new position)

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

Voted: To approve the nomination of

➤ Ronald Edmiston TRHS Science Teacher 40%

Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Committee and Reports of the School Board

None

Correspondence

Chairperson Kosta presented three emails for the correspondence file for acceptance by the board.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Mascola

Voted: To accept the three emails presented to the board as board correspondence.

Having to further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Other

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

➤ To go into a non-public meeting regarding personnel issue (c)

The board was polled and entered into a non-public session at 10:30 PM.

No action was taking during the non-public session.

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

➤ To come out of the non-public meeting

The board was polled with all in favor to exit non-public session. The board entered once again into the public meeting at 10:49PM.

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Kosta adjourned the meeting at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk

