

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

Regular Meeting  
April 16, 2009  
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office  
Plaistow, NH

Prior to the commencement of the April 16, 2009 Regular School Board meeting, Board members Aubrey, Mascola, Kosta, Champey and Collins attended a work session regarding policy JJIB. This session began at 6:00 PM, ended at 7:00 PM, and was held at the SAU office. No Board action was taken.

**Order**

Madam Chair Kosta called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm at the SAU office.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin (8:45PM), Mrs. Champey, Mr. Collins (out of the room 7:35PM returning 7:50PM), Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Withee and Student Representative Joseph Delfino

**Absent:** Mr. Paone and Mr. Porcelli

**Administrators Present**

Mr. La Salle, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Coker, Director of Secondary Education  
Mrs. Smith, Assistant Business Administrator  
Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy  
Mr. Holland, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Heuer, Technology Coordinator  
Mr. Strainge, School Improvement Facilitator for Humanities  
Mrs. McKechnie, Pre-School Coordinator

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Voted:** To approve the minutes of April 2, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board public meeting with changes.

**Having no further discussion the motion was passed 5-0, Mr. Collins was not in the room at the time of the vote.**

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

**Voted:** To approve the minutes of April 2, 2009 Timberlane Regional School Board non-public meeting as written.

**Having no further discussion the motion was passed 5-0, Mr. Collins was not in the room at the time of the vote.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

Mr. Paul Valhouli asked the school board to reconsider their decision to adopt the 2009-2010 school calendar. Mrs. Monica Rooney and Mrs. Herchenroder concurred that the board reconsider their decision to adopt the 2009-2010 school calendar.

**School Report**

Mr. Delfino recognized the Model UN team that attended a competition at University of Lowell; they came in second for the General Award and received many individual awards. The Historical Honor Society held a World Fair event and the English Honor Society held a book fair to raise money for scholarships. Mr. Delfino congratulated the Destination Imagination team for their success at the State Championship and noted they have been invited to attend the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. He reported that spring sports have begun with a win by the baseball team over Pinkerton Academy. The lacrosse team performed well and the track team dominated their meet. He reported that other students have voiced their concern regarding the 2009-2010 school calendar.

Mr. Kevin Zambrano reported student council will hold their annual End of the Year banquet on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The student council was happy to welcome the following newly elected officers and new members:

President Sarah Matson  
Vice-President Courtney Yelle  
Secretary Kendall Hill  
Treasurer Kelsey Hutchinson  
Public Relations MacKenzie Heinz  
Historian Hanna Knuttenan  
Community Agent Jackie Efraimson

The Big Buddies Little Buddies event is a few weeks away; letters will be sent to the big buddies in the next few days. Kids Night Out is scheduled for this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 PM.

### **Current Business**

#### **Destination Imagination**

The Destination Imagination team placed second at the State Championship. The competition is to teach students real life skills and challenges. The students relayed their experience and asked the board for financial assistance so the team could travel to Knoxville, TN for the Global Finals. Mr. La Salle recommended providing financial support to the team that represents the Timberlane Regional School District. They noted that other fund raisers will be held to help pay for this trip.

#### **On a motion by Mrs. Champey, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey**

**Voted:** To approve the sum of \$2,000 to assist the Destination Imagination team's trip to Knoxville, TN.

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

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

**Voted:** To waive the rules by altering the agenda and having a non-meeting to seek legal advice.

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

*At 8:05 PM the board went into a non-meeting to seek advice from the District's legal counsel, Attorney Michael Elwell of Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward and Longhman PLLC.*

*The public meeting resumed at 8:40 PM.*

#### **Mount Washington Observatory Presentation**

Mr. Holland thanked the school board for their continued support of the distance learning program. Equipment was installed at the Mount Washington Summit and Atkinson Academy and the ribbon was cut by U.S. Congressman Paul Hodes at Atkinson Academy on Wednesday April 8 commencing the connection between the two locations. The distance learning initiative connected the Mount Washington Summit with fifth graders at Atkinson Academy. Mr. Holland presented a slide show of the event. Mrs. Hubley organized the logistics of the event and provided the technical education. Mrs. Percival provided the connectivity from Atkinson Academy to the Mount Washington Summit. Mr. La Salle congratulated the team for providing students with the ability to go places they may never have experienced without the distance learning program.

#### **Radio Antenna**

Mr. La Salle informed the board the Plaistow Police Department proposed a radio antenna to be installed at the high school. It was first proposed to be installed at the Performing Arts Center. Mr. La Salle recommended the board approve up to \$9,000 for the installation of the radio antenna on the high school. He confirmed the antenna would enhance the reception within the campus buildings and the surrounding area for police communication. Mrs. Withee inquired if there is a monthly cost for the antenna, Mr. La Salle clarified that Mr. Stokinger would be able to provide that information. A discussion ensued.

#### **On a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Mascola**

**Voted:** Agreed to move this item to the next scheduled meeting for a vote.

**Having no further discussion, the motion failed three members voted in favor and four voted against (Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey and Mrs. Withee).**

#### **On a motion by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mrs. Withee**

**Voted:** To approve up to \$9,000 for the installation of the radio antenna to be installed on the high school roof.

**Having no further discussion, the motion passed four members voted in favor, three members voted against (Rob Collins, Michael Mascola and Mrs. Kosta)**

#### **Social Studies Curriculum**

Mr. Coker and Mr. Strange presented the Social Studies Curriculum for second reading and approval. They clarified reviews

will be held each year looking for ways to improve the teaching and assessment of this curriculum.

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

**Voted:** To approve the Social Studies Curriculum as presented.

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

**Timberlane Regional School District Policies**

Mr. Coker presented the proposed policies for a second reading: DBJ, Transfer of Appropriation, JICK, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention, and JLF Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect.

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

**Voted:** To approve the amended policies DBJ, JICK and JLF.

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

Mr. Coker then presented the following polices for a first reading consideration, ADAB, TRMS-Statement of Purpose and IKFA, Early Graduation.

**On a motion by Mrs. Champey, seconded by Mr. Mascola**

**Voted:** To accept as a first reading of the following policies, ADAB and IKFA.

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

**Integrated Preschool/Stimulus Pilot**

Mr. La Salle explained the new Americans Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of which proposes two stimulus packages. All monies provided by the ARRA programs will be targeted for "Maintenance of Effort" (MOE) which means that the monies must be used for specific projects and not regularly scheduled maintenance tasks.

The first stimulus package will assist the IDEA program's regular special education students for a total of \$987,016 expandable over three years and paid in two equal payments of \$493,508 each. The expected payment dates would be April and September of 2009.

The second stimulus package would be if an integrated preschool program could be arranged at Atkinson Academy. The two payments of \$17,930 each would be provided for a 3 and 4 year old integrated program totaling \$35,860.

Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. Dayotis and Mrs. McKechnie reported that their goal is to move a fully integrated pre-school program into the district. The foundation has been laid and The Learning Center (TLC) is ready to expand. One of the requirements for an intergraded pre-school program would be a 50/50 ratio of student and peers. Atkinson Academy is a school that can accommodate this. They informed the board that the program will improve the educational outcome of students in the district. The team expressed that their goal would be to have a pilot program ready for September of 2009.

Mr. La Salle reported that tuition students in the proposed pre-school program will allow the program to become revenue producing in the future. A discussion continued regarding classrooms that would be used and how the program would be logistically structured.

**Committee Assignments**

Madam Chair Kosta reviewed a list of committee assignments for the board's approval. Mr. Collins noted that he was not the chair of any committee and requested that he be assigned a chair seat of any of the committees he is assigned. Madam Chair Kosta suggested Mr. Collins become chair of the Community Relations & Liaison committee.

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

**Voted:** To approve the committee assignment with Robert Collins as Chair of the Community Relations & Liaison Committee.

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

**Administrator's Report**

Mr. La Salle noted he had the pleasure of enjoying the presentation by the Timberlane Orchestra at Symphony Hall in Boston with his family. He was impressed by the performance and extended his appreciation to the Orchestra for their fine performance and to Mr. Di Bartolomeo for his continued support of this program.

Mr. La Salle was pleased to announce the Timberlane Regional School District Granite State Scholars winners for the 2008-2009 school year as:

Gabrielle Archambault  
Catherine Beaulieu  
AnnMarie Britton  
Rachel A. Collins  
Alexis L. Courtney  
Thomas Cross  
Moirra A.B. Dhaliwal  
Margaret Donovan  
Alyssa Goldfarb

Elizabeth Hartigan  
Erik Hatton  
Morgan Therese Lingar  
Lynnette Macomber  
Hilary Miller  
Patrick Olmstead  
Lindsay Patterson  
Cody R Petrosino.  
Alexa R. Sanfilippo

Louis Saviano  
Ariella Stein  
Sean Sullivan  
Shannon Marie Sweeny  
Catherine A Tarushka.  
Evan James Williams  
Kevin Zambrano  
Brittany Alaina Zorn

He extended his congratulations to each student for their accomplishments.

### **Personnel**

Mr. La Salle recommended the re-nomination of

Nicole Freligh MS Enrichment  
Cheryl King Pollard TLC SPED

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

**Voted:** To approve the re-nomination of

- Nicole Freligh MS Enrichment
- Cheryl King Pollard TLC SPED

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

Mr. La Salle recommended the nomination of

Allison Corning HS English  
Tova Ladley HS Mathematics  
Maranda Stacy HS Mathematics

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

**Voted:** To approve the nomination of

- Allison Corning HS English
- Tova Ladley HS Mathematics
- Maranda Stacy HS Mathematics

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

Mr. La Salle recommended the nomination of

Sarah Lea HS Mathematics (Replacement of L Reininger for the remainder of 2008-2009 school year.)  
Sarah Lea HS Mathematics

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

**Voted:** To approve the nomination of

- Sarah Lea HS Mathematics (Replacement of L Reininger for the remainder of 2008-2009 school year.)
- Sarah Lea HS Mathematics

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

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the resignations of

Danielle Latta MS Grade 6 Science  
Rebecca Racz Danville Grade 2  
Lauren Reininger HS Mathematics

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

**Voted:** To accept the resignations of

- Danielle Latta MS Grade 6 Science
- Rebecca Racz Danville Grade 2
- Lauren Reininger HS Mathematics

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

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirement request of  
Marilyn Paradis                      AA Library Assistant (18 years with the district)

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

**Voted:** To accept the retirement request with regret of

- Marilyn Paradis                      AA Library Assistant (18 years with the district)

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

**Committee and Reports of the School Board**

Mrs. Aubrey attended and Mrs. Withee reported on the facilities committee meeting in which the installation of the antenna as well as open projects around the district, PAC lighting protection project and the goals of the committee were discussed. She noted that the committee minutes will be posted on the board website for the board members access as is all the school board committees' information.

Mr. Mascola reported the budget committee is asking if new committee members can join the board in their upcoming training sessions. They also are requesting their meetings be televised. He then asked for a consensus from the board. Mrs. Withee believes televising the meetings are not a good idea considering the work they are asked to accomplish. Mr. Collins voiced his support for televising the meetings. The final request was to have an anonymous email address on the website so people can leave information or comments without revealing their identity. Mrs. Champey suggested this issue be checked out during training.

Mr. Baldwin reported on the Public Utilities Commission meeting held at the PAC reviewing the ice storm response. Mrs. Champey attended the policy committee meeting and thanked Mr. Paone for attending. They addressed the tuition and media center policies as well as the collection of negative balances as they apply to the food service program. Mrs. Smith reported on the food service negative balances and the efforts being used to help families address these issues. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Champey also noted that the transfers of any funds were reviewed as requested by Mr. Collins and that transfers are reported to the Department of Revenue. A report will be presented to Madam Chair as well.

**Correspondence**

None

**Vendor and Payroll**

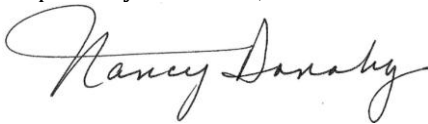
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**Other**

None

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Kosta adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk