

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

Regular Meeting
November 20, 2008
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

Mr. Brown (Vice-Chair) called the School Board meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the SAU office.

Roll call was taken.

Mr. Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Paone

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle	Superintendent
Mr. Feneberg	Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Coker	Director of Secondary Education
Mr. Stokinger	Business Administrator
Mrs. Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Mr. Woodworth	Principal of TRHS

Approval of Minutes

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

- Voted: To approve the minutes of the October 9, 2008 and November 6, 2008 regular meetings.
- Passed: Unanimous

Delegations and individuals

Student Council Report

Mr. Delfino informed the board Ms. Jackie Efraimson, community agent for the student council, had accepted a commitment on Thursday evenings, whereas this has prevented her from reporting the activities of the student council. Mr. Delfino assumed the task and reported that the student council has been busy this fall supporting many events including spirit week, Trick or Can in the town of Sandown, and an annual ice cream social where they raised \$800 for the Anne Reardon scholarship.

Upcoming events included Kids Night Out on December 13th; all proceeds from the event will be contributed to the upcoming LEAD trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania scheduled in March for student council members.

School Report

Mr. Delfino also reported that the football team lost in a heart breaker game with a final score of 7-6. Fall sports have ended and winter sports have begun. He noted that the Eagle Tribune newspaper has reported on Timberlane students who support good organizations performing important community services.

Current Business

Capital improvement Plan

Mr. La Salle reported the architects, Lavalley-Brensinger, presented their assessment of the middle and high schools at the last school board meeting and NESDEC had reported on the projected future enrollment of these schools. Both teams took into consideration the current and future projected curriculum, enrollments and space considerations. The teams worked together to come up with options for solutions to be considered.

He explained the need for continuous maintenance on all buildings noting the district has nine buildings that need strong maintenance programs.

To ensure that the best solutions for all buildings are considered, the teams gathered information on the current and future options for the middle and high schools. This will enable the district to create a capital improvement plan. The plan will ensure the district will be able to continue to care for all of the buildings and find solutions where needed as

well as perform them on a planned basis. This will provide all of the towns in the district the information they need to plan for the future.

He clarified that Lavallee-Brensinger will present seven options to create an interactive discussion, and that these ideas will begin the process of developing a needed capital improvement plan that will ensure community and educational planning. Mr. La Salle then explained the bond process for reconstruction, renovation and replacement projects.

The capital improvement plan will ensure the fiscal management of the entire district.

Mr. La Salle introduced Fred Urtiz and Lance Whitehead from Lavelle Brensigner. Mr. Whitehead showed seven different options for the middle and high schools.

- Option one showed a new middle school on the existing site
- Option two showed a land purchase with a new middle school off campus with a connecting road.
- Option three showed high school renovations to the educational sections
- Option four showed a similar concept but with three stories
- Option five showed a new high school
- Option six showed renovations to the high school with extending pods and connecting to the PAC
- Option Seven showed the high school renovated for a middle school.

A discussion ensued.

Mrs. Champey expressed her concern for students entering and exiting onto route 125. Board members expressed their interest in the pods and main street design.

Mr. La Salle offered to post the different schemes on SharePoint for the board's review. They will be able to ask questions on the share point site.

Mr. La Salle thanked Lavelle Brensigner.

The board took a short recess at 10:00 pm and resumed the meeting at 10:08PM

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle notified the board that the district will be closed on Friday, December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009. Employees will work extra hours or take vacation time if they want to be paid for the days.

Mr. La Salle also reported that he attended the commissioners meeting where the discussion centered on the current economic state of New Hampshire. He went on to say that there is an estimated \$250 million shortfall which could impact this year's aid. One major concern might be catastrophic aid; services have already been provided for catastrophic aid and the district is now awaiting the payment. The state could decide to pay 85% of the cost since the state decides which accounts and how much they are paid. These are mandatory high end services that the district provides and pay for in a timely manner. All aid is on the table to be reduced or cut completely. It is not know at this time what will be cut or reduced.

Mr. La Salle, as a precautionary measure, has instituted a freeze on 50% of the unspent 2008-2009 budget on specific accounts. This precautionary measure is expected to set aside approximately \$1.1 million of the budget.

Mr. La Salle notified the board that the main septic field at the high school has failed. Currently the tank is pumped every two days and will continue until a second leach field is constructed. The options would include re-directing the current septic field or re-designing another field.

Personnel

None

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mr. Collins reported that at the community relations meeting they discussed organizing an evening with Timberlane. Mrs. Champey attended the policy committee as well as the negotiations and the NEASC visit at the middle school. Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Withee also attended the middle school NEASC visit. Mrs. Withee reported the facilities committee will meet on Tuesday December 9th and Mr. Brown attended the curriculum committee meeting.

Correspondence

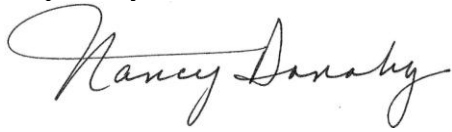
None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk