

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

Regular Meeting
December 4, 2008
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
Plaistow, NH

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

Roll call was taken.

Mr. Baldwin led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown (arrived at 7:50 pm), Mrs. Champey (arrived at 8:15 pm), Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mrs. Withee and Mr. Delfino

Absent:

Administrators Present

Mr. La Salle	Superintendent
Mr. Coker	Director of Secondary Education
Mr. Stokinger	Business Administrator
Mrs. Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Mr. Mrowka	Assistant Principal of TRMS

Approval of Minutes

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the October 23, 2008 joint meeting with the Timberlane Regional School Board and District Budget Committee, as written.
- **Having no further discussion the motion passed five in favor, two abstentions (Mrs. Aubrey and Mr. Paone)**

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

- **Voted:** To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 regular meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board with corrections.
- **Having no further discussion the motion passed five in favor, two abstentions (Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Paone)**

Delegations and individuals

School Report

Mr. Delfino informed the board that the Lawrence Eagle Tribune recently published an article that students from the high school are producing a documentary on the Scopes Monkey trial. Auditions for the spring musical are underway as well as the Mealey's Meals drive has begun and will support families in need during these challenging times.

Current Business

Ecology Trip Report

Mrs. Mrowka introduced Rachel Behling, Kendra Bickford and Tyla Difeo, students from the middle school who attended the Ferry Beach Ecology Trip. The students created a power point presentation to thank the school board and report on the learning experience. Mrs. Sherman thanked the board and expressed the appreciation of the class for this opportunity to learn in an interactive environment. She stated it was a dramatic way for students to experience science and thanked the board, parents and the community for their support.

Architects Reports - Part III

Mr. La Salle reviewed the previous presentations that provided information for a Capital Improvement Plan. The report that will be presented this evening will address the Sandown elementary schools.

The presentation will show the options for combining the student population into one school considering the educational impact on the Sandown students as well as the condition of each school and renovation options includes

cost estimates and time frame. He introduced Lance Whitehead from Lavallee-Brensinger who explained that the existing facilities were evaluated taking into consideration the curriculum, building condition, site options and future needs. He then presented two options for renovations to enlarge the Sandown North School. This change would accommodate all elementary students in the town and eliminate the use of the Sandown Central. This was considered due to the condition of Sandown Central and the lack of expansion opportunities on that site. The Sandown North building has some minor issues that can be addressed but overall the condition is good and the site is expandable.

A questions and answer session followed his presentation.

Mr. La Salle informed the board that a \$4,000,000 ten year bond was calculated to show that in the first year the annual cost would be \$409,000 and in the tenth year of the annual cost was estimated to be \$209,000 to show how the payments reduced as the bond aged assuming a total cost over the time period of \$3,200,000.

He then presented the cost saving if the Sandown Central School was closed and maintained as a vacate building. He estimated the cost saving in the first year to be \$540,000 and with a 3% inflation factor estimated over the life of the bond a saving of \$6,200,000 by closing the school. This would provide a net saving to the district of \$3,000,000 after considering the saving minus the cost of the bond over ten years.

He clarified that some positions would be effected but, the employees would have time to secure other positions in this or another district.

Mr. Whitehead reported that with the current economy it is a good time to start the planning process on construction projects. Many construction companies need the work and are willing to provide cost effective contracts. The next steps in the process would be to develop the design and solidify construction estimates. Investigation of the site including a survey, wetland mapping and civil engineering plans would also need to be completed.

Mrs. Killen reported that the students would benefit with the change by reducing the transition events as well as many social and emotional benefits. It would be a positive experience especially for the older students who would be able to encompass the family environment and experience the role of mentor as well as big brother or sister and guides to the younger students.

The discussion continued.

The board took a short recess at 9:30 pm and resumed the meeting at 9:40 pm

Policies

Mr. Coker presented the following policies to the board for a first reading.

BCA-R	School Board member ethics
BCA-X	School Board member ethics (signature page)
EDCA	Employee use of cellular telephones
GBAA	Sexual harassment and violence- employees
GBEBC	Staff gifts and solicitations
IJO	School community and home relations
IKAA	Interdisciplinary credit
IKE	Placement, promotions and retention of students
JBAA	Sexual harassment and violence – students
JCA	Change of school or assignment
JFAB	Admission of tuition and non-residential students
JH	Student absences and excuses
KA	School community and home relations
KB	Title I parent involvement in education
KHA	Staff gifts and solicitations

Annual Report

Mr. Mascola reported to the board the budget committee would like to amend the distribution of the annual report. They would like to have it posted electronically with printing a minimal number of copies for community libraries and special requests. This change would effective RSA 40:13, II which states

II. the warrant for any annual meeting shall prescribe the place, day and hour for each of 2 separate sessions of the meeting, and notice shall be given as otherwise provided in this section. Final budgets and ballot questions shall be printed in the annual report made available to the legislative body at least one week before the date of the second session of the annual meeting.

A discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Paone, second by Mr. Mascola

- **Voted:** To agree to present a warrant article to the public to change the distribution of the annual report by electronically posting the report with a minimal printing for distribution when requested.
- **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously**

Administrator's Report

Mr. La Salle informed the board the main septic system at the high school is being engineered, he anticipates early next week that it will be sent to the state for approval. He expects the state will expedite the approval process. Currently the tank is pumped as needed and will continue until a second leach field is constructed.

The 2000 septic field has good documentation but it was recently discovered that a change order was allowed to the original design and the system was build with only half of the capacity of the originally designed system. At this point the information to explain why the change was allowed is not available but it could mean that upgrades may need to be made to the existing system.

Mr. La Salle voiced his concern that this situation is a significant financial problem. Currently the costs are just starting to accumulate, his concern is later during the school year is when the district will feel the full financial impact of this problem. He will continue to work with the engineers to find a solution.

Mr. La Salle recommended early graduation be granted for six students who are eligible for this opportunity. The district policy (IKFA) states that the board has final approval for early graduation of students.. A discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mrs. Champey, second by Mr. Paone

- **Voted:** To approve the early graduation of six students in the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously**

Mr. La Salle referred the current policy (IKFA) Early graduation for the policy committee for review.

Personnel

Mr. La Salle recommended accepting the retirement request of Patricia Canto, TRHS PE/Health Teacher who has been with the district for 27 years.

On a motion by Mr. Kosta, second by Mr. Mascola

- **Voted:** To approve the retirement of Patricia Caton (TRHS PE/Health Teacher) with regret.
- **Having no further discussion the motion passed unanimously**

Committee and Reports of the School Board

Mrs. Withee reported that next Facilities meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th. Mrs. Kosta attended the Professional Development committee meeting. Mr. Mascola attended the Budget committee as they reviewed draft 2 of the proposed 2009-2010 budget and reported that next scheduled Safety meeting will be held at the SAU office on December 16th.

Other

Mr. Stokinger reported that two students were involved in an accident while driving with the Driver Education instructor. The students received minor injuries, were treated and return to school. The accident happened on Route 125 while a student was driving. A car pulled in their path, while the student was unable to avoid the collision it was noted that the student was not at fault.

Correspondence

None

Vendor and Payroll

Done

Non-Public Session

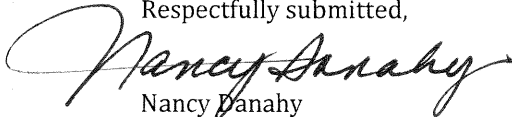
Motion: Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey to
Enter into a non-public session 91A:3II,c at 10:30 PM
Unanimous roll call

Motion: Mrs. Champey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey to
To come out of the non-public session at 10:55 PM
Unanimous roll call

No action was taken during the non-public session.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk