

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

Regular Meeting
November 20, 2014
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Steenson called this November 20, 2014 public meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mr. Blair, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Steenson and Mr. Ward
Absent: Mr. Bealo

Administrators Present

Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator
Mrs. Armfield, Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Learning
Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Mr. Hogan, Principal of TRMS
Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. Gaydos, Principal of Pollard School
Mr. Shawley, Assistant Principal of Atkinson Academy

Pledge of Allegiance

Madam Chair Steenson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes (00:01:30)

Motion: Mr. Blair motioned to approve the Timberlane Regional School Board public and non-public meeting minutes of November 6, 2014, Mrs. Delfino seconded. The minutes were approved by general consent with changes.

Delegates and Individuals (00:08:27)

Student representative Luke Appleton reported fellow students are pleased a balance has been reached between teachers and administrators regarding the educational value of field trips.

Current Business

American Education Week (00:09:35)

Dr. Wilson provided an overview of the history of American Education week and the essay contest for students. Mrs. Armfield introduced the winners of the essay contest for grades, 2, 5, 7 and 10. Ava DeGrandpre, 2nd grader at Atkinson Academy, Lauren Lefebre, 5th grader at Pollard School, Grace Hurni 7th grader at the middle school and James King 10th grader at the high school read their winning essays. Mrs. Armfield presented each student with a framed certificate of appreciation, a thank you card from Dr. Metzler and Dr. Wilson and a \$25 gift card for Barnes and Noble.

Madam Chair Steenson called for a recess at 7:55 PM. The meeting resumed at 8:00 PM.

Madam Chair Steenson presented the following recommendations as a means to improve meeting efficiency:

- *Time limits will be enforced for the Delegations and Individual agenda item noting members of the community are welcome to participate.*

- Presenters will be expected to adhere to allotted time limits and questions from school board members shall be kept to the subject being discussed.
- Estimated times have been added to the agenda and will be used to guide each of the agenda items.
- Committee reports shall be given by committee chairs only and school board reports shall be given by board members that attend district events.
- All meetings shall aim to adjourn by 10:30 PM.

A brief discussion ensued.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to support meeting recommendations as presented by Madam Chair Steenson. Mrs. Delfino seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Dr. Metzler arrived to the meeting at this time.

Kindergarten Committee Report (00:36:26)

Mrs. Auger, Mrs. Larose, and Mrs. Mequzita reported on the Kindergarten Committee findings regarding full day sessions. They provided a PowerPoint presentation and stated that the half day kindergarten program is a strong program; however, they believe that offering a full day kindergarten program district-wide would make the program stronger and lead to a more consistent starting point for all incoming first graders. They provided an overview of the additional opportunities of a full day program for student and staff which included social and emotional benefits.

Float Nurse Proposal (01:01:56)

At this time Mr. Collins and Mrs. Sherman recused themselves from the board discussion and took a seat in the audience.

Mrs. Rasicot informed the board the presentation this evening is to propose a district-wide float nurse. She introduced the district nurses: Kate Sherman-DeRoche, Mary Beth Sharpe, Candace Lee, Jennifer Darling, Paula Amante, Christine Collins and Susan Goodman.

Nurse Kate (Sherman-DeRoche) presented a PowerPoint that included statistics regarding the number of medical care incidences that are addressed during the school day for students as well as the critical needs of some and how a float nurse would be utilized to support these students. She, along with Mr. Stokinger reviewed the estimated cost to provide a district float nurse. Dr. Metzler expressed his support of this proposal and noted a few issues that are of concern when nurses are asked to cover at another school (i.e. collective bargaining agreement, providing healthcare services for the younger students in contrast to high school students).

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to approve the hiring of a district-wide float nurse not to exceed \$87,000 annual salary including benefits; seconded by Mrs. Delfino.

Motion to amend: Mr. Ward motion to amend the motion on the floor by adding for the 2014-15 school year; Mr. Sapia seconded. With no further discussion the amendment to the motion passed by a vote of 5-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Vote on Amended Motion: The amended motion to hire a district float nurse for the 2014-15 school year passed by a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

The meeting recessed at time stamp 01:39:49.

The meeting resumed at time stamp 01:39:53.

Policies (01:40:07)

Mr. Collins recommended policy JKAA – Use of Child Restraints and Seclusion for first reading.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to approve the policy JKAA Use of Child Restraints and Seclusion for first reading. A discussion ensued regarding the RSA and medication restraints. Mr. Sapia withdrew his motion and Mr. Ward withdrew his second. The policy will go back to the Policy Committee for further review

relative to board's concern with the use of the terms "medical restraint."

Administrators Report (01:51:45)

Dr. Metzler apologized for not being present for the essay contest winners' presentation; he was at an event in Hampstead. He congratulated the winners and thanked them for their essays. He also expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Jennifer Caruso, noting her constructive criticism has assisted in making improvements to the district.

He reported the 2015-16 proposed budget has been posted to SharePoint to provide board members the opportunity to review in advance of the Budget Committee's presentation next week. The board will also use this in their consideration on how to fund the transformer project at the middle school scheduled for the next board meeting. He thanked Mr. Stokinger for the lower-than-expected school tax rate calculation and noted all the hard work he does year-round to support the towns in their effort to keep the tax rates low.

He announced the Performing Arts Center is hosting numerous events on December 6th and 7th and informed the board the SAU office and Timberlane buildings will be closing at noontime on Thanksgiving Eve, all day on Christmas Eve and the day after Christmas as well as at noontime on New Year's Eve.

Dr. Metzler asked if the board would like to go into a non-public session for additional information on a student that is physically unable to take physical education to which the state requires the school board approve the waiver from this requirement. He recommended supporting the student's case worker's request for waiver of the physical education requirement for this student.

Motion: Mr. Blair motioned to authorize the waiver of the physical education requirement for this specific student; seconded by Mrs. Delfino. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. Green abstained).

Personnel Report (02:00:08)

None

Committee Reports (02:00:24)

None

Reports of the School Board (02:00:50)

Mrs. Green opined her objection to the Policy Committee's ten minute time limit on discussion on each policy being reviewed. She thanked the administration for the posting of the budget but expressed she was not happy with the time frame taken to produce it.

Mrs. Sherman stated she enjoyed reading to the kindergarten through third grade students at Pollard school and congratulated the Pollard School food service group for the grant they solicited for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Ward will be attending a "Don't Touch That Dial" performance at the PAC.

Mrs. Delfino reminded residents of the Citizen's Advisory Committee's outreach survey deadline which has been extended to Sunday, December 20, 2014.

Correspondence (02:04:37)

All board members were presented the correspondence received since the last board meeting.

Vendor and Payroll (02:04:38)

Vendor and payroll registers were signed by the board.

Other Business

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk*

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