

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

Regular Meeting
January 22, 2015
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Steenson called this January 22, 2015 public meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mr. Bealo, Mr. Blair, Mr. Collins (8:30 PM), Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Green, Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Steenson and Mr. Ward

Administrators Present

*Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator
Mrs. Armfield, Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Learning
Ms. Auger, Principal of Pollard School
Mrs. Barcelos, Principal of Danville Elementary
Mrs. Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. Georgian, Principal of Sandown North School
Mr. Hughes, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Liff, Assistant Principal of Sandown North
Mrs. Pereira, District Trainer
Mr. Rolph, Principal of Sandown Central
Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS*

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes (00:02:24)

The minutes for the January 8th regular meeting, the January 15th public hearing and special meeting after were approved with changes by general consent.

Delegates and Individuals (00:07:38)

Student representative Lucas Appleton reported students are interested in the current budget process and are expressing their opinions on the matter. Mr. Leon Artus from Atkinson asked if he was discussed during a non-public session and expressed his opinion on the matter. He further asked to be put on the agenda. Mrs. Green motioned to put Mr. Artus on the agenda. No second was received.

Current Business

German Exchange Program (00:13:22)

Mr. Madsen presented the German-American Partnership Program Exchange for the 2015-16 school year. He outlined the itinerary for the summer of 2015, noting the three to four week trip to Germany for Timberlane students June 16 through July 14, 2016. This schedule would require students to miss the last five days of the school year but, students would have an enriching educational experience while participating in classes and school life in Germany as a whole.

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to approve the German-American Partnership Program Exchange schedule for the 2015-16 program as well approve the student absence for the last five days of school in June 2016. Mrs. Delfino seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

Library Information Curriculum (00:30:15)

Mrs. Armfield outlined the process for the Library Information Curriculum that's been vetted by the Curriculum and Assessment Committee as well as the Superintendent's Leadership Team (SLT). Mrs. Pereira reviewed the staff that worked collaboratively creating the stage one elements and the administrators that provided their input.

Policies (00:33:34)

Mr. Bealo presented six polices recommended for a first reading.

- JKAA Use of Child Restraint and Seclusion
- ILBA Assessments
- GBEB Staff Gifts and Solicitations
- KHA Staff Gifts and Solicitations
- ILBAA High School Competency Assessments
- ILD Educational Questionnaires, Surveys and Research

MOTION: Bealo motioned to approve the following polices for a first reading:

- JKAA Use of Child Restraint and Seclusion
- ILBA Assessments
- GBEB Staff Gifts and Solicitations
- KHA Staff Gifts and Solicitations
- ILD Educational Questionnaires, Surveys and Research

Mr. Sapia seconded.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mrs. Green motioned to amend the motion to include only policies:

- JKAA Use of Child Restraint and Seclusion
- ILBA Assessments
- ILD Educational Questionnaires, Surveys and Research

Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion to amend passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

With no further discussion the amended motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Bealo motioned to approve policy GBEB-Staff Gifts and Solicitations for a first reading; Mrs. Sherman seconded. Mrs. Green provided rationale for her position to oppose the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to approve the repeal of policy KHA-Staff Gifts and Solicitations for a first reading; Mrs. Delfino seconded. Mrs. Green provided rationale for her position to oppose the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

MOTION: Mr. Bealo motioned to send policy ILBAA- High School Competency Assessments back to the policy committee for re-consideration; Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Collins arrived to the meeting.

Sandown North Playground Expansion (00:54:09)

Mr. Hughes presented aerial views of Sandown North explaining how the playground addition would be placed on the parcel. He reviewed the estimated cost of the project (\$63,200) to which Dr. Metzler thanked Busby Construction for their work with Mr. Hughes in securing the estimates. Mrs. Green inquired if the project would go out to bid should it be approved by the voters. Mr. Hughes responded in the affirmative noting we are governed by policy to do so. Mrs. Green stated that the playground equipment should be purchased through fundraising and not by taxes. Dr. Metzler stated that the students of Sandown North deserve this playground and space and that the fund raising method would only delay the project for an unknown length of time.

Ms. Cookie Ellis of Sandown inquired about the current playground equipment and how that will be used in the proposal as opposed to new equipment. Dr. Metzler noted that once in place equipment is moved it becomes

un-usable in the schools and the Principal Leadership team will make the decisions on the playground equipment. Ms. Ellis then asked if Sandown Central remained open would the playground for Sandown North still be installed. Dr. Metzler repeated that the students of Sandown North deserve the playground space and equipment. He noted that if Sandown Central remains open the district will need to invest money into the school. Mr. Beyrent of Sandown expressed his concern for the lack of playing fields at Sandown North. Mr. Hughes estimated it would cost approximately \$100,000 to install playing fields. Mrs. Green inquired if the traffic pattern at Sandown North is an issue or is Range Road an option as a secondary access. Mr. Hughes stated an engineering study would be needed in order for him to adequately answer that question.

Public Forum on Sandown Schools Consolidation (01:21:00)

Mrs. Deb Lytle of Sandown stated she moved to Sandown for the small town feel and she accepted the tax structure for this culture. She would like to see Sandown Central stay open for one more year or at least allow the fourth grade students to remain at Sandown Central for the upcoming school year since they will be headed to the middle school the year after.

Mr. Lee Dube of Sandown stated his objection to the lack of planning in the closing of Sandown Central. He would like to see additional planning set in place prior the consolidation of the Sandown schools.

Ms. Cathleen Gorman of Sandown stated she is not personally against the consolidation of the school but also believes additional research is needed.

Mr. John Goldman of Sandown is not in favor of large budget cuts to save each household \$30 in taxes. He would like to see options explored for other uses for Sandown Central should consolidation be the wish of the voters.

Mr. John Vaccarezza of Sandown noted he is in education and believes class size is one of the biggest keys to a good education. He believes we should all be searching for the best way to serve the students and parents of Sandown.

Mr. Shawn Freligh of Sandown also is a supporter of education, he would like to see the decision to consolidate Sandown schools occur after the vote in March and a full study be done to see if the school should be closed.

Mrs. Green reported that Mr. James Buckley of Sandown stated by email he would like to see Sandown Central closed without further delay.

MOTION: Mr. Ward motioned to table the vote to consolidate the Sandown schools until after the March election. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. The board voiced their opinions on waiting on the will of the voters or making the decision before the vote in March. With no further discussion the motion failed (4-4-1) (Mrs. Green, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Steenson and Mr. Ward voted in favor. Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino and Mr. Sapia opposed the motion. Mr. Blair abstained.)

MOTION: Mr. Bealo motioned to move grades 4 and 5 to Sandown North; Mr. Sapia seconded the motion. The board voiced their opinions on waiting for the will of the voters or making the decision before the vote in March. The meeting recessed at 10:02 PM and resumed at 10:12 PM. With no further discussion the motion failed by a vote of 1-8-0 (Mr. Bealo voted in favor).

Warrant Articles (02:32:25)

Whereas, there is no time left to add information on the warrant, the board discussed methods to communicate to the public the intent of the warrant articles.

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to approve the four intent statements for TRSD 2015 warrant articles 3, 4 5 and 6. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. After a brief discussion Mr. Blair and Mr. Collins rescinded their motion.

Article 3: The board read and discussed the intent for Article 3 of the 2015 TRSD warrant:

To move \$250,000 from the end of year surplus into the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This fund was

established in 1996 for the purpose of setting aside funds for future capital needs. Money in this fund can only be spent per authorization of the School District voters. Money in this fund is placed into an interest bearing account.

Total Appropriation	\$250,000
Withdrawal from Surplus	-\$250,000
Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$0

*As of Dec 31, 2014 the balance in this fund was approx. \$613,000.

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to approve the statement of intent for Article 3 of the 2015 TRSD warrant. Mr. Sapia seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Article 4: The board read and discussed the intent for Article 4 of the 2015 TRSD warrant:
To raise funds to keep Sandown Central School open for the next school year, consisting of \$416,245 for the renovation of the school kitchen and \$744,299 for operational costs.

Total Appropriation	\$1,160,544
Withdrawal from the Capital Reserve	-\$416,245
Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$744,299

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the statement of intent for Article 4 of the 2015 TRSD warrant. Mrs. Delfino seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 9-0-0.

Article 5: The board read and discussed the intent for Article 5 of the 2015 TRSD warrant:
To raise funds to expand the playground at Sandown North.

Total Appropriation	\$90,000
Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$90,000

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the statement of intent for Article 5 of the 2015 TRSD warrant. Mr. Sapia seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 9-0-0.

Article 6: The board read and discussed the intent for Article 6 of the 2015 TRSD warrant:
To raise funds to support the Bargaining Agreement between the Timberlane Regional School Board and Timberlane Support Staff Union.

Total Appropriation for 2015-2016	\$97,783
Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$97,783

Total Appropriation for 2016-2017	\$98,673
Amount to be raised by 2016 taxes	\$98,673

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the statement of intent for Article 6 of the 2015 TRSD warrant. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Administrators Report (03:08:23)

Dr. Metzler reported the voter registration session held on January 14 registered 56 students, which is up from 22 last year. He thanked the Supervisors of the Checklist from the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown that encouraged the students to participate in this process.

MOTION: Mrs. Green motioned to not use school resources to bus student to the polls. No seconded was received. Dr. Metzler updated the board on their notification once the Rights and Responsibilities handbook is vetted by the SLT. The plan is to have the handbook published online by August of each year. He notified the board the Sandown Central closing report has been reposted on the SharePoint, as he discovered we

inadvertently used the wrong enrollment projections. The corrected report is on SharePoint for the board's review.

He informed the board a Wellness Committee will be reconvened due to a requirement by the free and reduced lunch program. It will be a board established committee requiring a board member, administrator, student, teacher, parent as well as a member from the public. In closing he updated the board on the drafting of the annual report. He would like to include a report from the board with an accompanying picture of the entire board. He has requested Dean Zanello take the picture at the February 19, 2015 school board meeting. Mrs. Green inquired when the audit would be available to the board. Mr. Stokinger noted that he owes the auditors a piece of information to conclude the audit.

Personnel Report (03:14:44)

None

Committee Reports (03:15:44)

Madam Steenson attended the Curriculum and Assessment Committee meeting.

Reports of the School Board (03:16:00)

None

Correspondence (03:18:18)

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

Vendor and Payroll (03:18:20)

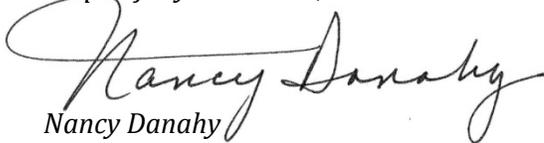
Vendor and payroll registers were signed by the board.

Other Business (03:18:30)

Mr. Sapia asked if Mr. Hughes could look into the cost of installing an ice rink on the high school campus fields. It is a good community activity for all residents. Mrs. Armfield volunteered to updated Mr. Sapia and Mr. Collins regarding the guidance of parents of educational opportunities before pre-school.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting at 11:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk*