

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

Regular Meeting
February 19, 2015
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Vice Chair Delfino called this February 19, 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. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Green, Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Sherman, and Mr. Ward **Absent:** Mr. Blair and Mrs. Steenson*

Administrators Present

*Dr. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Armfield, Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Learning
Ms. Rebecca Carlson, Dean of Math, Business, Information and Communication Technologies
Mr. Angelo Fantasia, Director of Athletics
Mr. Hughes, Director of Facilities
Ms. Kristin Pereira, District Trainer
Ms. Susan Rasicot, Director of Student Services
Ms. Mary Widman, Assistant Principal of Academics at TRHS
Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS*

Pledge of Allegiance

Madam Vice Chair Delfino led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes (00:01:35)

The minutes for the January 22nd regular meeting, the February 5th Deliberative Session and special meeting after were approved with changes by general consent.

Delegates and Individuals (00:04:55)

Kimberly Farah of Danville requested board members take a moment to reflect before speaking and consider the ramifications of their comments. She provided her opinion of grade point average weighting of dual enrollment courses versus advanced placement (AP) courses. She requested the board create a policy to outline the justification process for grade weighting.

Jennifer Caruso of Danville expressed her desire to have parents be aware of, in her opinion, potential violations of their children's FERPA rights. She outlined the "Turnitin" application that analyzes student papers for levels of unoriginal content. She suggested parents oversee the use of this application.

The "Turnitin" subject matter as it relates to student privacy will be added to a future school board agenda for presentation and board discussion.

Current Business (00:32:14)

Eagle Scout Project

Tyler Booth presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining his proposed Eagle Scout Project supported by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Woodworth. He requested the approval to install raised and elevated garden beds.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to approve the proposed Eagle Scout Project to install raised and elevated garden beds at the high school as well as approve a \$200.00 donation towards the project with monies to come from TRSD Facilities budget. Mr. Collins seconded. A discussion ensued. Madam Vice Chair called the vote and the motion passed 6-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Dr. Wilson thanked Mr. Hughes and his staff for their diligent efforts removing and clearing the snow. Mr. Hughes noted the facilities crew performs preventive maintenance by keep drains clear so roof issues are mitigated. He reported that heavy equipment has been used to remove snow to properly maintain the flow of traffic.

He noted a concern at Pollard School was reviewed by a structural engineer who confirmed recently discovered cracks in the cinderblock wall were old cracks and affirmed there are no structural concerns at Pollard School.

Baseball Boosters Fundraisers (00:48:45)

Booster President Lisa Hall presented a fundraiser proposal to offer sponsorship signs. The money raised would be used to provide warm-up jackets for players, scholarships as well as fund the spring banquet. The signs would be hung by district facilities staff and remain on display for the baseball season.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the proposed fundraiser to offer sponsorship signage. Mrs. Sherman seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote of 7-0-0.

Library Curriculum (00:54:22)

Kristin Pereira, District Trainer explained the proposed Library curriculum; she outlined the need for students to develop research skill sets for different curricula and to develop these skills as necessary to align with Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Mrs. Armfield noted the curriculum is a fluent document that changes as the need arises.

MOTION: Mr. Ward motioned to approve for a second reading and adoption of the Library curriculum as presented. Mr. Collins seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0-0.

Mathematics Curriculum (01:02:50)

Kristin Pereira presented the Math Curriculum for a first reading. She spoke to the mastery of skills sets at grade level and the continued transfer of those skills. She reviewed student understanding and how they use these skills outside of the classroom. She focused on the application of and the assessment of the student skills.

MOTION: Mr. Collins motioned to approve for a first reading of the Mathematics Curriculum as presented. Mr. Sapia seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0-0.

Proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar (01:13:08)

Dr. Wilson noted that they are still receiving feedback on the proposed calendar and wish to change the presentation to the next agenda allowing the staff time to fully review this information. The board agreed.

Annual Report Article (01:14:07)

The board reviewed the proposed school board article for the 2014 Annual Report and made a few changes. The final product was approved by general consent.

Administrators Report (01:20:52)

Dr. Wilson presented to the board a flyer from Cedardale Health & Fitness advertising the Whales Tales Water Safety Program with 50% of the proceeds to benefit the Timberlane High School Swim Team Boosters. The board reviewed the flyer and again expressed their support of Dr. Metzler's decision on what flyers are to be distributed through students.

Tim Lena was recognized for his recent appointment to the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery. Mr. Lena will serve on this commission until 2017. The board extended their congratulations to Mr. Lena.

Personnel Report (01:26:48)

None

Committee Reports (01:26:51)

Mr. Collins reported on the Community Relations Committee and the Public Relations newsletter project that will be published as well as two television spots. Mrs. Delfino noted the Community Advisory Committee is wrapping up as they review their mission. Volunteers have offered to assist the committee in creating a parent handbook/tool box packet.

Reports of the School Board (01:32:35)

Mrs. Sherman gave a shout out to the high school music department; Mr. Collins noted the middle school basketball B teams both made it to the finals and the ski team enjoyed a race day.

Correspondence (01:34:56)

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

Vendor and Payroll (01:34:57)

Vendor and payroll registers were signed by the board.

Other Business (01:35:05)

Mrs. Green requested the superintendent evaluation process be modified to allow the current board to conduct an evaluation the Superintendent before the new members are elected. It was noted that it is the SAU board that evaluates the Superintendent and that it is best to evaluate the superintendent on work that he has finished, not on work halfway completed.

Motion: Mrs. Green motioned to the request the SAU board to consider having the current board evaluate the Superintendent. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Mr. Collins reviewed the evaluation process and timing and noted there would not be enough time before new members are elected to perform the evaluation. With no further discussion the motion failed by a vote of 1-6-0 (Mrs. Green voted in favor).

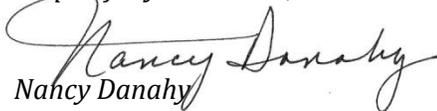
Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to approve the consolidation of the Sandown Schools. Mr. Bealo seconded. Mrs. Green asked for additional information on the closing of Sandown Central and Mrs. Delfino requested it be placed on a future agenda so the public can be notified of the board's intent to make a decision on the matter.

Motion to Amend: Mr. Collins motioned to amend the motion on the floor by adding the consolidation of the Sandown Schools on the next school board agenda thus not voting on the matter this evening. Mrs. Delfino seconded. With no further discussion the amendment to the motion passed by a vote of 5-2-0 (Mrs. Green and Mr. Ward opposed).

With no further discussion the AMENDED motion to place this item on the next agenda passed by a vote of 5-2-0 (Mrs. Green and Mr. Ward opposed).

Having no further business before the board Madam Vice Chair Delfino adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk