

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

Regular Meeting
March 5, 2015
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Steenson called this March 5, 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 (7:45 PM), Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Green, Mr. Sapia (9:10 PM), Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Steenson, Mr. Ward and student representative Lucas Appleton

Administrators Present

*Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator
Ms. Michelle Auger, Principal of Pollard School
Mrs. Nancy Barcelos, Principal of Danville Elementary
Mrs. Kathie Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. Joann Georgian, Principal of Sandown North Elementary
Mr. Hughes, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Patrice Liff, Assistant Principal of Sandown North Elementary
Mr. Douglas Rolph, Principal of Sandown Central
Ms. Mary Widman, Assistant Principal of Academics at TRHS
Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS*

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes (00:01:35)

Motion: Mrs. Green motioned to add additional detail information to the summary in Delegates and Individuals. Mrs. Sherman seconded. *A discussion ensued regarding the meeting minutes. Mr. Bealo called the question. With no further discussion the motion failed by a vote of 2-5-0. (Mrs. Green and Mrs. Sherman voted in favor.) The minutes for the February 19, 2015 regular meeting were approved with changes by general consent.*

Delegates and Individuals (00:09:37)

Madam Chair Steenson notified the board Mr. Sapia experienced a flight delay and he is hoping to arrive late this evening.

Mr. Luc Appleton asked for a brief summary of the two budgets presented on the ballot for consideration. Mr. Stokinger provided an outline of the default budget and the proposed budget. Mr. Appleton reported the HOPE dance-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2015.

Dr. Kim Farah and Mrs. Jennifer Caruso of Danville presented their concerns relative to accessing student essays with personal information on line as well as their concerns of possible violations to FERPA and COPPA. Dr. Metzler responded there are no FERPA or COPPA violations as the issue has been vetted by district counsel. He noted we are working on best practices in the interest of the students and expect some additional information in late April or early May. He further noted he is not comfortable with use of blogs in the classroom and then clarified that blog use is a separate issue from Turnitin.

Motion: Mrs. Green motioned to have a board level discussion on the Turnitin program and Blogs at the

next board meeting. Mr. Ward seconded. Discussion ensued on academic integrity and the use of Turnitin as a teaching and accountability tool. Mr. Bealo suggested the blog issue be sent to the Policy Committee for consideration. **Motion to Amend: Mr. Blair motioned to separate the motion into two motions, one addressing Turnitin and the second one addressing blogs. Mr. Bealo seconded. With no further discussion the amendment to the motion failed by a vote of 4-4-0 (Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Ward opposed). With no further discussion the original motion failed by a vote of 1-7-0 (Mrs. Green voted in favor).**

Current Business (00:37:04)

Sandown School Consolidation

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lytle of Sandown presented their concerns relative to the possibility of consolidating the two Sandown schools.

Mr. Collins arrived to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Dube of Sandown asked that the board listen to the voters on this matter.

Mr. Collins responded that he is confident the district has enough information, space, and technology to consolidate the Sandown schools.

Motion: Mr. Collins motioned to consolidate Sandown Central into the Sandown North School. Mr. Bealo seconded. Mr. Blair and Mrs. Delfino noted they would like to hear from the voters and the new board should make this decision. Mrs. Green asked why the board wants to close a high ranking school; she will respect the view of the voters.

Mr. Bealo indicated he wished to withdraw his second on the motion to consolidate. Madam Chair called it to a vote. With no further discussion the withdrawal of the second on the motion on the floor was granted by board vote of 7-1-0 (Mr. Collins opposed). No additional second was received to Mr. Collins' original motion, thus the motion failed.

2016-2017 School Calendar (01:20:04)

Dr. Metzler reported the 2016-17 school year calendar is currently under review with the Timberlane Teachers Association and the Timberlane Support Staff Union and he is hoping to present a calendar to the board by April.

Mrs. Green was excused from the meeting at this time.

School Board Self Evaluation (01:22:25)

The board will receive an online link for the annual school board self-evaluation. Madam Chair Steenson requested board members to complete the evaluation promptly.

Administrators Report (01:23:44)

Dr. Metzler updated the board on snow and ice concerns throughout the district. Mr. Hughes updated the board on the Atkinson Academy roof leak. Dr. Metzler then outlined the curriculum adoption schedule.

Mr. Sapia arrived at the meeting.

Dr. Metzler reported the food service program financials are much improved over last year and that they will look closely at aligning labor costs. He reported the Sandown summer recreation program will be allowed to use the Sandown Central site this summer. He also reported receipt of an interest in leasing Sandown Central.

Personnel Report (01:41:20)

Dr. Metzler recommended accepting the intent to retire from:

- Elizabeth Wohler-Berry TRSD School Psychologist (11 years with the district)

- Paula Parziale Sandown Central SPED Paraeducator (24 years with the district)
 - Mary Plourde Sandown central SPED Paraeducator (23 years with the district)
- Motion: Mrs. Sherman motioned to accept with great regret and appreciation the retirement of:**
- Elizabeth Wohler-Berry TRSD School Psychologist (11 years with the district)
 - Paula Parziale Sandown Central SPED Paraeducator (24 years with the district)
 - Mary Plourde Sandown central SPED Paraeducator (23 years with the district)

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

Committee Reports (01:43:30)

None

Reports of the School Board (01:43:55)

Mrs. Sherman informed the public of a senior citizens prom sponsored by the Honor Society on March 21, 2015 from 1PM to 3PM.

Correspondence (01:45:25)

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

Vendor and Payroll (01:45:25)

Vendor and payroll registers were signed by the board.

Other Business (01:35:05)

Dr. Metzler requested a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 paragraph II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation.

The board was polled at 9:18 PM

- Mr. Bealo Yes
- Mr. Blair Yes
- Mr. Collins Yes
- Mrs. Delfino Yes
- Mr. Sapia Yes
- Mrs. Sherman Yes
- Mrs. Steenson Yes
- Mr. Ward Yes

The board entered into a non-public session at 9:18 PM

The board was polled to exit the non-public session at 9:41 PM

- Mr. Bealo Yes
- Mr. Blair Yes
- Mr. Collins Yes
- Mrs. Delfino Yes
- Mr. Sapia Yes
- Mrs. Sherman Yes
- Mrs. Steenson Yes
- Mr. Ward Yes

The board exited the non-public session at 9:41 PM

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk