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

Regular Meeting
April 16, 2015
7:30 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Chair Steenson called this April 16, 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 (8:05pm), Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Spero, Mrs. Steenson, Mr. Ward and student representative Lucas Appleton. **Not in Attendance:** Mrs. Green

Administrators Present

Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator

Mrs. Armfield, Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Learning

Mr. Barry Chooljian, Director of Guidance

Mr. Angelo Fantasia, Director of Athletics

Mr. Michael Hogan, Principal of TRMS

Mr. William Mealey, Dean of Attendance

Mr. Mark Pedersen, Academic Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Mrs. Susan Rasicot, Director of Student Services

Mrs. Beth Rincon, Director of Special Education

Mr. Scott Strainge, Director of Alternative and Continuing Education and Enrichment

Mr. Woodworth, Principal of TRHS

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes (00:01:48)

The minutes for the April 2, 2015 regular and non-public meeting minutes were approved as written by general consent.

Delegates and Individuals (00:02:16)

Mr. Luc Appleton reported the fundraiser "Strut for a Cure" has been scheduled and the proceeds will go towards breast cancer research.

Current Business (00:02:29)

Madam Chair Steenson requested the board's input regarding a request from Mrs. Green to join the meeting electronically via video conference. A discussion ensued. Madam Chair requested a motion be made from the board to authorize Mrs. Green's attendance via video conference; however, none was made thus Mrs. Green's request was not supported by the board.

Wrestling Team Recognition (00:04:47)

Mr. Fantasia recognized the Wrestling Team and Coach Chooljian for their accomplishments in the classroom as

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well as the wrestling arena. He announced the team is once again the State Champions. Dr. Metzler noted this is the fifteenth consecutive year that Timberlane Wrestling Team has achieved this honor.

Destination Imagination Team (00:12:58)

DI Coach Paul Proctor reported the middle school Destination Imagination team the “Three Amigos” advanced to the 2015 Global Finals which will be held in Tennessee. The team requested permission to travel to Tennessee and to be excused from school for four days to attend this event. They also requested financial support from the school board. **Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to approve up to \$4,000 for the Destination Imagination middle school team for the Global finals. Mr. Spero seconded. A brief discussion ensued. Motion to amend: Mr. Ward motioned to amend the original motion to authorize four days of excused absences for the students to attend this event. With no further discussion the motion to amend passed by unanimous vote 7-0-0. With no further discussion the AMENDED MOTION to include permission to be excused from school passed by unanimous vote 7-0-0.**

Policies (00:26:40)

Mr. Bealo recommended accepting policy BEDD – Rules of Order for a first reading.

Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to approve policy BEDD – Rules of Order for a first reading. Mr. Blair seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote 7-0-0.

School Board Training (0:29:16)

Madam Chair Steenson reported that a consensus was not reached in the scheduling of the school board training. She indicated that another spreadsheet with additional dates and times for the board’s consideration. She clarified that the session will be a two-hour discussion on topics that include working together.

Mr. Collins arrived to the meeting at 8:05 PM.

School Board Goals (00:30:53)

Madam Chair Steenson asked board members to send her their ideas and thoughts on school board goals for 2015-16 so that she can present them at a future meeting.

Business Partnership Updates (00:31:50)

Mr. Strainge and Mr. Mealey presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the board on the business partnership initiative which outlined the following achievements:

- 9 full partnerships
- 196 local business were contacted
- 21 potential sponsorship opportunities
- Raised a total of \$6,250

Summer Hours (00:46:12)

At the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, Dr. Metzler requested permission to offer a 4-day work week for Timberlane staff members during the summer months. **Motion: Mr. Blair motioned to approve the 4-day work week for six weeks during the summer months. Mr. Sapia seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.**

NESDEC Special Education Study (00:48:06)

Dr. Metzler reported the Superintendent Leadership Team does not support or find the need for the NESDEC Special Education Study. Mrs. Rincon presented detailed information on the Special Education Program model

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in place that is reflected in the Department of Education report card. She noted that this report reflects all the audit information that would be provided by NESDEC.

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned the district NOT to perform the NESDEC Special Education Audit. Mrs. Sherman seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0.

Administrators Report (01:33:30)

Dr. Metzler informed the board of the continued work of the Sandown Consolidation Committee with a report expected in May. He reported administration and the bus company are working closely dealing with issues of drivers and arrival times. He requested the board's consideration for a paraeducator who has worked for the district for thirty years and would like to retire June of 2015. The para missed the notification deadline and is requesting consideration for the retirement incentive. **Motion: Mrs. Sherman motioned to waive the deadline for the late submittal for retirement by a paraeducator who has worked for the district for 30 years. Mr. Sapia seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Blair abstained).**

Dr. Metzler requested the board's approval for an overnight student trip to Concord, NH (New Hampshire Music Educators' Spring Conference & All State Music Festival) as well as excusing the students from class on April 17, 2015. He noted the trip should have been approved before now. **Motion: Mr. Bealo motioned to authorize the overnight student trip to Concord, NH and excuse the students from class on April 17, 2015. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.**

Dr. Metzler announced that two donations were recently received: one is for \$5,000 for the Strut for a Cure fundraiser and the other is \$750 as part of the Knights of Columbus's Tootsie Roll Drive. A public hearing has been scheduled for May 7th on the \$5,000 donation; however, he requested the board accept the \$750 donation. **Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to accept the donation of \$750 from the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.**

Dr. Metzler informed the board that with the recent adoption of the new math program he would like to move the January 19, 2016 professional development day to October 13, 2015 to front load some of the math program training. **Motion: Mr. Blair motioned to authorize the change to the 2015-2016 school calendar. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.**

Personnel Report (01:47:21)

Dr. Metzler recommended accepting the resignations of the following staff:

- Ashley Mancusi-Traynor Mathematics TRHS
- Kim Stewart Pre-Kindergarten Sandown North
- Carla Taylor School Nurse Pollard

Motion: Mrs. Sherman motioned to accept the resignations with great gratitude and deep regret. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

Committee Reports (01:48:55)

Mr. Bealo requested the board's approval on the district's newsletter for distribution electronically as well as hard copies to be distributed at local libraries. **Motion: Mr. Blair motioned to approve the electronic newsletter distribution and up to \$200 for the printing of copies to be distributed to local libraries. Mr. Sapia seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0.**

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A discussion ensued regarding the timing of the newsletters and the approval process.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to waive board approval of the district newsletter and authorize board members of the Public Relations Committee to approve the newsletter on behalf of the board, noting three of the four board members' (serving on the committee) vote is needed to approve. Mr. Bealo seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

It was noted the Community Relations Committee current board members are: Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mr. Sapia and Mr. Ward.

Motion: Mr. Sapia motioned to authorize the annual costs associated with the district's newsletter not to exceed \$200 per newsletter and not to exceed \$2500 per year for the printing of the newsletter. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Collins reported he attended the Budget Committee meeting noting it was a good meeting and the committee is looking forward to working collaboratively.

Reports of the School Board (01:59:49)

Mr. Ward attended Poetry Night at the Performing Arts Center; Mrs. Sherman attended the Run for the Savages event in honor of Chief Savage and family. She also thanked Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Petrie for encouraging her to attend Career Day. Mr. Bealo attended the improvisation group's performance noting the admission price is to be donated to charity. It was noted that Patrick Ard from Danville won the Run for the Savages race.

Correspondence (02:02:16)

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

Vendor and Payroll (02:02:19)

Vendor and payroll registers were signed by the board.

Other Business (02:02:28)

Motion: Mr. Ward motioned to go into a non-public session under 91-A:3 Paragraph II(e), consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation. Mr. Collins seconded. With no further discussion the board was polled:

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

The board entered into a non-public session at 9:33 PM.

The board was polled to exit the non-public:

- Mr. Bealo Yes
- Mr. Blair Yes
- Mr. Collins Yes
- Mr. Sapia Yes
- Mrs. Sherman Yes

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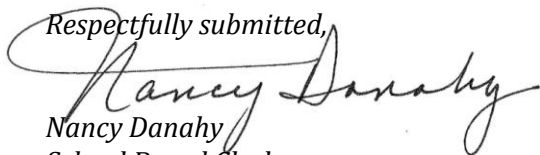
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- Mr. Spero Yes
- Mrs. Steenson Yes
- Mr. Ward Yes

The board exited the non-public session at 10:03 pm. No action was taken in the non-public session.

Having no further business before the board Madam Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk