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Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Joint Meeting with School Board
October 12, 2006
7:00 p.m.

PAC
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Call to Order:

Chairman Charles Balanoff called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Balanoff requested everyone introduce him/herself since there were many people in the room who didn't know each other.

Roll Call of Budget Committee by Kathy Smith, Budget Committee Clerk:

Present: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Suech, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Balanoff, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Zerba and Mrs. Collie.

Absent: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Quigley,

Roll Call School Board by Nancy Danahy, School Board Clerk:

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Withee (7:20 pm), Mrs. Kosta (7:25 pm), and Mr. Luongo (8:00 pm).

Absent: Mr. Baldwin and Mrs. Miller.

Administrators Present

Dr. McDonald	Superintendent
Richard LaSalle	Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Charles Coker	Director of Secondary Education
Anthony DiBartolomeo	Music Director
Dennis Tardif	Athletic Director
John Holland	Technology Director
Linda Heuer	Technology Coordinator
Michael Hogan	TRMS Principal
Donald Woodworth	TRHS Principal

Chairman Balanoff suggested the meeting go directly to item #8 New Business, on the Agenda for the presentations of the Budgets. He recommended after the presentations, everyone except the Budget Committee Members would be able to leave and the Budget Committee would finish the rest of the agenda items.

Mr. Stokinger reviewed the budget process and explained the new software upgrade has not allowed the actual account expenditure information for the end of 05/06 to be loaded as yet. Therefore, each member would be supplied two reports. One would contain the 05/06 actual account expenditures and the other would have the 07/08 budget requests. It was noted that the last two digits in the account codes designate the location:

2 = Atkinson Academy
11=Sandown Central

8= Pollard Elementary
12=Sandown North

10= Danville Elementary
50= TRMS
60=TRHS

Budget Presentations

Music Budget

Mr. DiBartolomeo presented his proposed music budget, which includes a request to hire an additional general music teacher for grades 6-12. Mr. DiBartolomeo reported that enrollment in the music programs has steadily been on the rise for the past ten years with no increase in staff at the Middle school. The proposed teacher would specifically serve the needs of the general music classes in the middle and high schools. A discussion regarding state recommendations for student/teacher ratios for music classes were discussed. Mr. LaSalle clarified the state's recommendations. It was noted that supply figures are based on student enrollment multiplied by a set rate.

Athletics Budget

Mr. Tardif reported that the major increases in his budget are due to increases in team transportation costs, increases for game officials and the purchase of new wrestling mats. The skiing and wrestling teams alone, spend about \$16,000 per year. The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association increased pay for officials by \$2.00 per official, thereby, increasing our home game expenses. Mr. Tardif also explained that the Wrestling team has been using for many years, side mats for practice and large meets or tournaments which can no longer be reconditioned and need to be replaced.

Technology Budget

Mr. Holland and Mrs. Heuer presented the technology budget proposal noting the Technology Plan already in place, with increases noted in two areas; a new elementary school infrastructure to support Waterford Media Server and middle school mobile wireless lab. The increase in account 1100-738 is for replacement servers for Sandown North and Pollard School per the Technology Plan. It was noted that "Alert Now" would be presented as part of the security budget and not the technology budget.

Timberlane Regional Middle School

Mr. Hogan presented the TRMS proposed budget noting the need for a foreign language Teacher and a request for a Safety Resource Officer. Mrs. Champey clarified that the Plaistow voters will need to approve the SRO position. He also noted the remodel of the main office at the middle school and administrator offices at each main entry point. Agenda books were discussed.

Mr. Balanoff wanted to clarify where the unexpended monies from the previous year's budget go. Mr. Stokinger and Dr. McDonald explained the monies are always returned to the voters during the next tax year.

Timberlane Regional High School

Mr. Woodworth reviewed the proposed TRHS budget. He noted his staffing requests for one Spanish teacher, one teacher leader stipend, one mathematics teacher, math credit recovery stipend, English credit recovery stipend, CIM instructor in the form of a stipend of \$8,000 and a stipend for the current bookkeeper who has assumed additional duties for the past four years. Mr. Woodworth then reported on the rationale for Engineering Program, "Project Lead the Way". He proposed the replacement of lockers in Hallway 100 and the purchase of replacement cafeteria tables and chairs. An exterior Security camera was requested. Mr. Woodworth noted the request for folding chairs in the mini-gym and three additional walkie-talkies. Mr. Stokinger reported that the intercom at the high school in need of repair will be fixed including the emergency button from this year's budget and will not be in the proposed 2007-2008 budget. Mr. Woodworth noted the enrollment figures for this year at the TRHS is 1593.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Zerba:

Voted: To approve the minutes of September 14, 2006 with amendments made.

Passed: 7 approved, 1 abstention, (Mrs. Collie)

Correspondence:

None

Delegations and Individuals:

None

Reports of Committees:

Mrs O'Neil reported that the Technology Committee met and is organizing into subcommittees.

Unfinished Business:

None

Other Business:

Mrs. Winn requested that the process for notifying alternates be put on the next agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Suech and seconded by Mrs. Winn.

Vote taken to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary