

Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Joint Meeting with School Board
October 25, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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Plaistow, New Hampshire

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

Roll Call of the Budget Committee by Kathy Smith, Budget Committee Clerk:
Present: Mr. Balanoff, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Collie, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Zerba (7:10pm), Mrs. Lambert (7:15pm), and Mrs. Quigley (7:30pm).
Absent: Mrs. Suech and Mrs. Winn

Roll Call of the School Board by Nancy Danahy, School Board Clerk:
Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Withee, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Luongo, Mr. Mascola and Mr. Baldwin.
Absent: Mr. Brown and Ms. Weston.

Timberlane Administrators Present:

Richard LaSalle	Superintendent
Winfried Feneberg	Assistant Superintendent
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathy Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Edwina Lovett	Director of Pupil Personnel
Elizabeth Rincon	Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel
Nancy Danahy	Director of Human Resources
Peg Ralph	Director of Elementary Education
Charles Coker	Director of Secondary Education
John Holland	Director of Technology
Linda Heuer	Technology Coordinator

Chairman Balanoff suggested the meeting go directly to Budgets presentations.

Mr. LaSalle introduced the first speaker for the evening.

Grants

Mrs. Lovett began the presentations with an overview of the Special Education Grant funding process and trends. The grants and other monies discussed were the Preschool IDEA grant and federally funded (but state managed) Catastrophic Aid program. For Catastrophic Aid the State is supposed to cover 80 percent of the costs of implementing a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) after the costs exceed 3½ times the estimated State average expenditure per pupil, and 100 percent of all costs over 10 times the State estimated average expenditure per pupil. She also noted Timberlane School District does receive a small Verizon Wireless Grant (\$5000) that is used primarily for the Autistic population.

Mrs. Ralph stated that the history of Title I (and NCLB) began back in 1965 when the Federal Government was trying to "level the playing field" for all children to have access to quality education regardless of the economic conditions where they lived. The allocations are based on the amount of people living in poverty within the district. Timberlane's Title I focus and goal is on literacy and early intervention.

Mr. Coker continued on reviewing the Federal Grants, Titles II, IV and V noting the usage and limitations in spending for these grants. The goal for Title IIA is to increase adequate yearly progress (AYP) by improving the quality of the staff. Additionally the HQT status of all staff is to be improved by providing quality Professional

Development for both Teachers and Para educators. Title IV is to educate and promote a safe and drug free student population. The trends for all grants have been less Federal money available to schools along with a push for continued measurable academic improvement. Mr. Coker noted that the Timberlane District new Teacher Mentor Program is the State model thanks to the hard work done by Elisabeth Gustafson.

Pupil Personnel

Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Rincon presented the Pupil Personnel proposed budget. Mrs. Lovett began her discussion with a few statistics on her department which actually encompasses many different departments. There are 810 students District Wide, enrolled in some form, within Special Education Program. 32 of the 810 students are placed in out of district programs due to the extreme needs of the student. Pupil Personnel covers many aspects of support services:

Special Education	1200	Psychological Services	2143
Guidance	2122	Speech Pathology	2152
Health Services	2134	Special Admin. Serv.	2330
		Special Transportation	2722

Guidance Counselors (15) and Nurses (10) provide services to 4672 students.

The major Budget Factors in the 2008-2009 proposed Pupil Personnel Budget is a projected increase of 33 additional out of district placements. Also additional funds are needed due to costs related to severe food allergies (peanut) and EEE. Staffing requests involve an increase in the number of hours for the school nurse secretary at the Middle School who is currently being shared with the High School. Mrs. Lovett reviewed current legislation being considered at the State which will severely cut the amount of Special Ed Transportation monies received by schools. Some new equipment and space needs will also be addressed which is driving up the proposed budget.

Mrs. Rincon discussed the Pupil Personnel goal which is an increase in literacy for all the Special Education students. They plan to implement a 3 Tier model which provides early intervention and will increase the Sped reading scores. Increase and improvement utilizing Everyday Math program in the Sped student’s curriculum to improve Sped math scores. Additional goals are to decrease the number of out of district placements by continue to improve the current programs to offer more services to all the identified students. To improve the drop out rate through the use of the RTI and increase the Sped services currently not available in the evening division.

Technology

Mr. Holland and Mrs. Heuer were next to present their proposed budget for TRSD Technology for 2008-2009. Mr. Holland first answered the question “What do we do?” The answer is: provide, manage and maintain the Timberlane Computer Network, provide support to all computer hardware/software, maintain the Timberlane Education Network, provide District Videoconferencing capabilities, promote Technology Literacy Curriculum and provide data reporting and analysis. The goal for Technology is to assist in delivering a district Technology Curriculum, to utilize current and future technological resources to enhance administrative communication and improve technology integration. Timberlane is currently implementing a Wide Area Network which will provide private, secure data communications between buildings. A new domain model using the single district wide user accounts, with single email domain and data redundancy of domain core directory services (active directory). Mr. Holland highlighted some of the proposed budget drivers such as new servers for AA, Danville and Sandown Central elementary schools. Firewall applications for all Elementary Schools and digital cameras for the e-Portfolios as required by the state. The Middle school is in need of desktop and notebook computers for the wireless lab and Interwrite Learning Tablets as well as the Digital cameras for the e-Portfolios. The High school needs a new server for the Destiny Library Manager, notebook computers for the wireless lab in addition to notebooks for the Science cart and for Chemistry. Staffing requests that will affect the Budget are increased hours for the secretary who currently works only the school year and the reconfiguration of current staff to provide a Network Administrator and hire a replacement technician. The closing remarks from Mr. Holland were taken from the TRSD Technology Plan thru 2009 which states “the TRSD is charged with the task of educating students

to meet the challenges of the future. Technology is a cost-effective and efficient method of aiding in the delivery of instruction, enhancing the quality of education and maximizing the effectiveness of school personnel.”

Human Resources

Mrs. Danahy, the TRSD Human Resources Administrator presented an overview of services her department provides and the cost increases expected due to new state legislation. Effective October 1, 2007 HB790 extends medical and dental coverage for eligible dependents up to age 26. SB Bill 197, effective a January 1, 2008 allows divorced spouses to remain of the subscriber’s insurance policy for up to three years and HB 437 permits same gender couples to enter civil unions and have the same rights, responsibilities and obligations as married couples, including access to medical and dental coverage.

Mr. LaSalle stated that the planned presentations were complete for this evening. It was agreed that Jim Hughes would present the proposed facilities and security budgets at both the next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting and Budget meeting. He then opened the question and answer period.

At 8:25 pm the budget presentations were complete and all in attendance left except for the following Budget Committee members: Mr. Balanoff, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Collie, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. O’Neil Mrs. Zerba and Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Quigley.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the 10/11/2007 minutes was postponed until the 11/08/2007 meeting. There was a request to have the minutes sent out in advance to allow time for review.

Correspondence:

None

Delegations and Individuals:

None

Reports of Committees:

Mr. Collie reported attending the Safety Meeting.

Mrs. Zerba recommended that the Budget presentations be videotaped and played on the TEN Network to educate and inform the public.

Unfinished Business:

None

Other Business:

None

A motion was made by Mrs. Collie and seconded by Mrs. Quigley to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith

Recording Secretary

Approved 11/9/2007