

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

Timberlane Budget Public Hearing  
January 15, 2008

Timberlane Performing Arts Center  
Plaistow, NH

Budget Committee Chairman, Mr. Balanoff, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken by Kathy Smith & Cathy Belcher.

Present:

Budget Committee Members: Mr. Balanoff, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Suech, Mrs. Zerba, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Quigley, Mrs. Collie and Mrs. Winn.

School Board Members: Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Champey, Mrs. Withee, Mrs. Kosta, Mrs. Aubrey and Mr. Mascola.

School Board Members absent: Mr. Brown and Mr. Paone

Timberlane Administrators present: Mr. LaSalle, Superintendent  
Mr. Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator

Article One – Election of Officers

Mr. Balanoff read article one.

Article Two – 2008-2009 Operating Budget

Mr. Balanoff read the article, then showed a power point presentation and briefly explained the process of developing the budget. The initial requests were made by the principals, directors and administrators in September and October. During the months of November and December, in a collaboration of effort by Administration, the School Board and Budget Committee, many levels of cuts were made. Mr. Balanoff described the major budget factors in the proposed 2008/09 Budget and explained that most of the increases are contractual and are also included in the default budget. The final Budget request for 08/09 is \$59,464,070, which is \$779,350 higher than 2008/2009 Default Budget. Items which would not be budgeted if the proposed budget did not pass, were items such as the reconstruction of the High School Science Lab, non-affiliated staff increases and associated benefits. Additionally the new world language positions and some equipment requests would also not be funded.

Article Three – Capital Reserve Fund

School Board Chair, Mr. Baldwin read article three.

Article Four – Special Education Space Upgrade for Specialized Middle School Program (Autism).

Mr. Baldwin read article four and then introduced Mr. LaSalle who described the serious need for this renovation to serve a large number of autistic children who attend this district. The current space is not designed for this purpose and is inadequate to run this program well.

Article Five – General Acceptance of Reports

School Board Chair, Mr. Baldwin read article five.

Mr. Baldwin turned the meeting over to the Budget Committee Chair.

Mr. Balanoff asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none so he adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Smith, Clerk  
Approved 2/7/2008