

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

Regular Meeting
March 22, 2007
7:35 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Call to Order:

Mr. Balanoff called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.; attendance was taken.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Brown

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Hess made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Quigley to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes of January 10, 2007.

Vote: Seven – yes, One- abstain Mrs. Zerba. The motion passed with amendments.

Mrs. Winn made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Suech to approve the Budget Committee Meeting minutes immediately following the Budget Hearing on January 10, 2007.

Vote: Seven – yes, one- abstain. Mrs. Zerba. The motion passed.

Mrs. Zerba stated she missed the last Facilities Meeting and asked Mr. Stokinger for a brief synopsis of what took place. Mr. Stokinger reported that a list of summer facilities projects was handed out and the progress of new security vestibules was discussed. The excessive heat in the new vestibule at Sandown North was noted. The ground breaking for the new Atkinson Academy kindergarten classrooms starting next week was discussed. It was noted that Jim Hughes is acting as the General Contractor for the kindergarten classroom addition, thereby saving the District money.

The Committee members thought that the various Committees need to post their minutes on the Timberlane Website so those people who are interested, but cannot attend the meetings, can still find out what is going on. Discussion about the development of a Strategic Planning Committee was brought up by Mrs. Suech who stated she is very interested in serving on this committee. Mr. Stokinger stated that a consultant to assist this committee has been selected and Mrs. Suech will be notified in April or May when the meetings will be scheduled.

The election results were discussed and how two of the district employees may have violated state statute regarding using public funds to promote the passage of some items on the ballot. It was agreed that this was an issue for the District Administration and not a topic that needed to be discussed at a Budget Meeting.

Mr. Balanoff brought up for discussion the possibility of holding the annual facility tours in the fall, in the evening instead of during the day. Members agreed they would be available to take some of the tours in the evenings, especially if they are held on Thursdays.

Mr. Balanoff also brought up for discussion the funds in the 2007-2008 Budget for the Middle School SRO. He was concerned how that money would be spent since the SRO did not get approval from the voters of the Town of Plaistow. He wanted to know if it was possible to remove that money from the 2007-2008 Budget. Mr. Stokinger stated it was not possible. He explained that the approved bottom line of the Budget was voted on and passed in Article one of the warrant. The committee decided that Mr. Balanoff should compose a letter to the School Board on behalf of the Budget Committee, stating their concerns regarding these funds and where it should be spent. Many of the Budget Committee Members felt strongly that it should go towards related items, such as Security in general or towards additional help for Officer Marsilia so she has more free time to work with students.

A motion was made by Mrs. Suech and seconded by Mrs. Zerba to cancel the meeting scheduled for April 12, 2007. Vote: Seven-yes One- No. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Winn and seconded by Mrs. Quigley to adjourn this meeting at 8:20 pm.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary
Approved 9/13/2007