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

Regular Meeting
April 13, 2006
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Call to Order:

Mrs. Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; attendance was taken.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Suech, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Meehan, Mr. Stokinger, Mrs. Quigley, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Hess and Mrs. O'Neil. Mrs. Zerba arrived at 7:15pm

Absent: Mr. Balanoff

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Suech:

Voted: To approve the minutes of January 10, 2006.

Passed: 6 approved, 3 abstentions, (Mr. Brown, Mrs. Winn and Mrs. Meehan)

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Suech:

Voted: To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing with corrections of January 12, 2006,.

Passed: 6 approved, 3 abstentions, (Mr. Brown, Mrs. Winn and Mrs. Meehan)

On a motion by Mrs. Hess and seconded by Mrs. O'Neil:

Voted: To approve the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2006.

Passed: 6 approved, 3 abstentions, (Mr. Brown, Mrs. Winn and Mrs. Meehan)

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Hess:

Voted: To approve the corrected regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2006.

Passed: 7 approved, 2 abstentions, (Mr. Brown, Mrs. Winn)

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Winn:

Voted: To approve the corrected Organizational Meeting minutes of March 23, 2006.

Passed: 6 approved, 3 abstentions, (Mrs. Zerba, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Hess)

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Winn:

Voted: To approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 23, 2006.

Passed: 6 approved, 3 abstentions, (Mrs. Zerba, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Hess)

Correspondence:

None

Delegations and Individuals:

None

Reports of Committees:

Mrs. Lambert reported the Safety Committee canceled their last meeting.

Mr. Brown reported on the School Board. He said that although no vote was taken at the School Board Meeting, the School Board members were in agreement to hold a joint meeting for the budget presentations again this year.

Mr. Brown also reported that in the interests of saving money and energy, the School Board voted to institute a four day work week during the summer hours for the year round staff. All staff for example, instead of working five eight hour days, will instead work four ten hour days and the buildings will be closed on Fridays. Mr. Stokinger stated that it was his opinion that the SAU building may not be completely closed down on Fridays, as the other school buildings would be. He also thought the energy savings were not as likely in this building either, due to the computer servers needing to be kept at a constant temperature.

Mr. Brown stated the School Board did have a discussion regarding staff changes but could not discuss it due to the School Board holding it in a nonpublic session. Mr. Stokinger then reported that an email had been sent out from Dr. McDonald stating what some of these changes were and he would forward it on to all the Budget Committee members. The email stated that Gil Johanson has decided to retire. Joann Griffen is retiring and will be replaced by Peg Ralph. Mr. Coker will be replacing Keith Pfeifer who was named the new Superintendent of Schools for Sanborn Regional Schools. The Budget Committee then discussed the process that would likely be used to hire the replacements for the newly vacated administrative positions.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- a. Committee Assignments for the 2006-2007 school year were discussed. Mrs. Suech is off the Technology Committee and requested to be put on the Strategic Planning Committee. Mrs. Hess will remain on the Curriculum Committee along with Mrs. Lambert as an alternate. Mrs. Quigley is off the Facilities Committee. Mrs. Hess expressed interest in the Transition Committee.
- b. Budget Committee Email: George Stokinger reported that a Budget Committee link on their website for incoming email needs to be monitored. Mrs. O'Neil volunteered to have the email forwarded to her so she could bring any comments or questions to the Board. This would be coordinated with Mr. Balanoff and be on the agenda in September. The Committee also discussed and agreed that the survey results from 2003 can be deleted from their web page.
- c. Meeting Attendance and Reminders: The Board discussed the importance of notification of whether or not Budget Committee Members will be attending the meetings. "Reply All" was particularly favored by some members so everyone knew who would be attending the meeting that night. It was requested that attendance be listed on the Agenda again for the first meeting in September.

Other Business:

The Budget Committee requested that the approved School Calendar for 2006-2007 be forwarded to them via email. Also discussed was the article in the newspaper regarding the water quality at the Atkinson Academy and Pollard School.

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday September 14, 2006 at 7pm at the SAU office.

Other Meetings:

- April 18 – Safety Committee Meeting – SAU Building – 9:30 a.m.
- April 18 – SAU Board Meeting – SAU Building – 7:00 p.m.
- April 20 – Regular School Board Meeting – SAU Building – 7:30 p.m.
- April 20 – Technology Committee Meeting – Location TBD – 3:15 p.m.

May 4 – Regular School Board Meeting – SAU Building – 7:30 p.m.
May 16 – Facilities Committee Meeting – SAU Building – 8:30 a.m.
May 18 – Regular School Board Meeting – SAU Building – 7:30 p.m.
June 1 – Regular School Board Meeting – SAU Building – 7:30 p.m.
June 9 – TRHS – Tentative Date – Graduation – Football Field – 6:30 p.m

Mrs. Meehan expressed concern that understanding the detail of a budget as large as the districts is difficult. A discussion ensued with various committee members questioning different methods to analyze the budget and possible improvements to the process. No decisions were reached.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zerba and seconded by Mrs. Hess.
Vote taken to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.
Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary