

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

Regular Meeting following Facility Tours
September 13, 2007
8:30 p.m.

SAU # 55, 30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, New Hampshire
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Call to Order:

Mr. Balanoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. which immediately followed the annual facilities tours of the High School, PAC and Middle School.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Zerba, Mr. Balanoff, Mrs. Collie, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Suech, and Mrs. Winn and new School Board Rep for 2007-2008 Mike Mascola.

Absent: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Quigley

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Winn made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Suech to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2007.

Vote: Five – yes, Two - abstain Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Mascola. The motion passed.

Mrs. Zerba made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Winn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from March 22, 2007.

Vote: Five – yes, two- abstain. Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Mascola. The motion passed.

Mrs. Winn reported she attended a Curriculum Meeting on September 12, 2007 where a presentation was given on a program called NH-JAG. New Hampshire Jobs for America's Graduates (NH-JAG) is a statewide program for youth who seek to overcome obstacles in attaining a high school education and in pursuing career and postsecondary educational interests. Mrs. Winn was very impressed with this program and hopes to see this program used in Timberlane.

Mr. Mascola stated he was looking forward to serving as the School Board Representative on the Budget Committee.

Mrs. O'Neil brought up for discussion under "Old Business" her recollections of the Budget Committee wanting to address a letter to the School Board about the funds that are in the 2007-2008 Budget in account 2660.330 for the Middle School SRO which was not approved by the Plaistow voters. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding which account has the funds and what the School Board intends to do with those funds.

Mrs. Zerba and Mrs. Suech voiced that the facilities tours should be expanded to include some, if not all the elementary schools, to Thursday September 27, 2007. The Committee Members were in agreement and asked Mr. Stokinger to make the arrangements for the tours.

Mrs. Zerba brought up for discussion the Strategic Planning Committee and the lack of progress towards forming this committee. She stated she is very concerned regarding how hard it is to make financial decisions without knowing what the future facilities "vision" is for the district. Mr. Mascola was asked to request of the School Board at their next meeting, some definite dates for the start up of the Strategic Planning Committee.

The joint meetings with the Timberlane School Board and the Budget committee are scheduled for October 11 and 25th, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the PAC to hear the 2008-2009 Budget presentations. Mr. Stokinger stated that we have a new Superintendent who has different ideas of what the Budget presentations will look like, so the Budget Committee members should be prepared to see something a little different from what they have seen in the past.

Committee assignments were discussed and reassigned. Mrs. Winn will be staying on Curriculum. Mrs. Zerba and Mrs. Suech will be staying on Facilities. Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Collie will be on Safety. Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Zerba and Mrs. Suech will serve on the Strategic Planning Committee and Mr. Balanoff will serve on Technology. It was stated that Mr. Coker will send out committee assignment and committee meeting information by email.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Winn to adjourn this meeting at 9:15 pm.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith

Recording Secretary

Approved with amendments on 10/11/2007.