

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

Timberlane Budget Hearing  
January 10, 2007

Timberlane Performing Arts Center  
Plaistow, NH

Mr. Balanoff opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken.

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

Absent: Mrs. Zerba and Mr. Brown

Article One - Election of Officers

Mr. Balanoff read article one.

Article Two – 2007-2008 Operating Budget

Mr. Balanoff read the article and then briefly explained the process of initial budget requests made by the administrators and then the many levels of cuts that were made. He described the major budget factors in the 07//08 budget and explained that most of the increases are contractual and are included in the default budget. The final requested 07/08 budget is higher than the 07/08 default budget by \$552,006.86.

Article Three – Capital Reserve Fund

School Board Chair, Mrs. Champey read article three and stated the current Capital Reserve Fund balance is at \$821,000.

Article Four – Kindergarten

Mrs. Champey read article four and then introduced Elementary School Curriculum Coordinator Mrs. Ralph who spoke to it. Mrs. Ralph stated the Budget Committee had challenged the Administration of the District to propose a plan to implement Kindergarten in the fall of 2007, with no additional tax impact to the voters.

Article Five – Kindergarten Classrooms

Mrs. Champey read article five and Superintendent Dr. McDonald spoke to it. He stated that all the elementary schools currently have the space needed to implement kindergarten except Atkinson Academy. Atkinson Academy will need two classrooms added for a total of 3600 square feet. The State will be contributing 75% of the total cost to build and furnish the Kindergarten Classrooms.

Article 6 – High School Roof

Mrs. Champey read article six and introduced Facilities Director Jim Hughes who briefly spoke to it. He explained how 107,000 square feet, of the oldest part of the high school roof, needs to be replaced. The project will involve two components. One is tightening up the building envelope and two is installing the insulation, which helps to conserve energy. In addition the gas company will be giving the district a rebate for a part of the insulation costs and installation.

Article 7 – General Acceptance of Reports

Mrs. Champey read article seven and then turned the meeting over to the Budget Committee Chair Charlie Balanoff who adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Smith, Clerk

