

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

Regular Meeting
March 25, 2004
Immediately following Organizational Meeting

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mr. Tarushka, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.; the clerk called the roll.

Present: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Quigley,
Mr. Tarushka, Mrs. Zerba, and Mr. Stokinger. Mr. Metcalf arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Tarushka opened the meeting thanking Mrs. Meehan for her previous service as Budget Committee Chair. He also congratulated her on the awards she recently received.

On a motion by Mrs. Meehan and seconded by Mrs. Quigley,
Voted: To approve the minutes of January 8, 2004, as amended
Passed: 7 approved and 1 abstention (Mrs. Lambert)

On a motion by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Quigley,
Voted: To approve the minutes of January 15, 2004
Passed: 7 approved and 1 abstention (Mrs. Lambert)

Mrs. Lisa Lambert was welcomed as a new Budget Committee member by Mr. Tarushka.

Correspondence – None
Delegations and Individuals - None

Reports of Committees

a. Budget Committee Members - The Facility Committee proposed the priorities for this Spring. Work will begin during April vacation. Boilers at the high school were unable to cope with the extreme cold this winter. Maintenance is looking into how to solve this problem. The high school transformers should be relocated to outside the building. Four rooms in the oldest section of Pollard School will be carpeted to prepare for classroom use next school year. Mr. Tarushka questioned the reason for the boiler failure and asked, if the problem was a design issue, could the cost be considered part of the construction for State aid? There was no Curriculum & Assessment meeting to report.

b. School Board Representative – None

c. Community Outreach – There was no business to report. Mrs. Meehan asked the Committee to continue keeping in touch with the community.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

a. Review March 9 Election Results – After a mention of the budget voting results, Mr. Tarushka recommended overall constraints on all accounts that can be controlled. A discussion ensued regarding the process and items the Budget Committee would like to look into for the next budget season. Mrs. Meehan suggested the School Board Representative help with information regarding the SAU Budget. She also asked for statistical data that would show the ratio of student and teachers in each school for the fall. Goal setting will be decided during the April meeting.

b. Committee Assignments – Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Quigley, Facility Committee; Mrs. Meehan, Curriculum and Assessment Committee; Mrs. Hess, Safety Committee; and Mrs. Miller, Technology Committee. Mrs. Meehan asked for committee agendas in advance of meetings.

c. Recognize Edward Metcalf - Mr. Tarushka announced Mr. Metcalf's resignation from the Committee effective March 26, 2004 and stated Mr. Metcalf was an extremely high quality Committee Member. He presented him with a gift for his years of service on the Committee.

Mr. Tarushka informed the Committee the School Board will select a replacement for Mr. Metcalf's one year remaining term. Mrs. Quigley will represent the Committee during the selection process.

Other Business

Mrs. Meehan asked Mr. Stokinger to look into the impact fees from Sandown.

Future Agenda and Dates

Next Budget Committee meeting is April 8, 2004, 7:00 p.m., SAU 55

On a motion by Ms. Quigley, seconded by Mrs. Zerba, the Committee adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Clerk