

Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Regular Meeting
September 9, 2004
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mrs. Quigley, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.; the clerk called the roll.

Present: Mr. Balanoff, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. O'Neil,
Mrs. Quigley, Mrs. Zerba, Mr. Paone, and Mr. Stokinger

Absent: Mr. Tarushka

Mrs. Quigley opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce him or herself. She also welcomed Mr. Balanoff, new Committee Member, and Mr. Paone, School Board Representative.

Mr. Stokinger explained the duties of the Budget Committee and gave a brief synopsis of the year ahead. A discussion ensued regarding the Budget Committee ability to control only 22% of the overall budget (approximately \$10 million of the \$46 million budget for 2004-2005). The other 78% is out of the control of the Budget Committee. The 78% would encompass salaries, insurance, transportation, etc.

He notified the board the transformers at the high school will be replaced in October and two boilers will be added to the high school to solve the heating problem experienced last winter. Changes in the SAU staff were also discussed.

On a motion by Mrs. Zerba and seconded by Mrs. Miller;
Voted: To approve the minutes of March 25, 2004
Passed: 7 Approved, 2 abstentions (Mr. Balanoff and Mr. Paone)

On a motion by Mrs. Zerba and seconded by Mrs. Miller,
Voted: To approve the minutes of April 8, 2004
Passed: 5 Approved, 4 abstentions (Mr. Balanoff, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Paone)

Correspondence – None

Delegations and Individuals - None

Reports of Committees -

a. Budget Committee Member – Mrs. Meehan distributed the Curriculum and Assessment Committee Goals. She attended the meeting last night and pointed out some of the goals and plans for curriculum change and implementation of new programs. She mentioned the mentor program and how important this program will be to help keep teachers in the district. She stated that 44% of our teachers leave the district after five years. A committee will be formed to continue the possibility of kindergarten. Mrs. Lambert expressed her concern regarding the elementary school Art curriculum. Mrs. O'Neil pointed out in the committee brochure the new Art curriculum will be implemented in the 2005-2006 school year. Mr. Stokinger asked the Committee to notify him if anyone would like to attend the next facility tour on Tuesday, which will encompass the high school, middle school, and performing arts center, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pollard and Atkinson will be the following Tuesday. Danville and Sandown is scheduled for September 28th.

b. School Board Representative – The Yearly Adequate Reporting has been discussed at the Board along with their concerns for change in the ways the State determines the figures used. He discussed the possibility of adding more parking at the high school. Mr. Paone discovered from a recent conference that I.E.P.'s, not correctly followed, could cause some of the most costly increases to a district's budget.

Unfinished Business

a. Amending By-Laws – The By-Laws will be tabled until next meeting to give Mr. Balanoff and Mr. Paone time to read them.

New Business

a. Expenditures for 2004-2005 – Mr. Stokinger distributed an Executive Summary for this school year as requested by Mr. Tarushka.

b. 2005- 2006 Budget - The budget presentation schedules were discussed. Mr. Stokinger will check with the high school administrators if they are available for either October 19th or 20th.

c. Budget Goal Setting - Should a cap be put on the budget requests was discussed as a benchmark. The subject will be brought up again next meeting.

Other Business – None

Future Agenda and Dates

Next budget committee meeting is Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m., SAU 55 Office.

On a motion by Mrs. Hess, seconded by Mrs. Zerba, the committee adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Clerk