

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

Regular Meeting
September 11, 2003
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mrs. Meehan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.; the clerk called the roll.

Present: Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Goodman, Mr. Metcalf, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Quigley, Mr. Tarushka, Mrs. Withee, and Mrs. Zerba, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Stokinger

On a motion by Mrs. Quigley and seconded by Mr. Metcalf,

Voted: To approve the minutes of April 24, 2003 with an amendment changing Mrs. Withee's abstention to Mrs. Hess.

Passed: 8 Approved, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Goodman and Mr. Tarushka)

Correspondence – Mrs. Goodman has asked the committee to accept her resignation as a budget committee. She will stay on until someone replaces her. Mr. Metcalf has emailed the committee that although his goal is to stay on as a committee member he may find it difficult to attend several meetings.

Delegations and Individuals - Mr. McDonald introduced George Stokinger as the new Business Manager for the Timberlane Regional School District, replacing Tom McDonald who is retiring September 12th after 29 years of service.

Reports of Committees -

a. Budget Committee Members - Mr. Stokinger will check that notification is sent out prior to committee meetings to all members including budget members.

b. School Board Representative – Mr. Bruno, school board representative, reported the extensive numbers of enrollment in many of the schools. Mrs. Meehan introduced Mr. Mencis, Sandown Planning Board Chair, who discussed the anticipated growth in his town.

c. Community Outreach – Budget committee members visited a selectman meeting in Danville to explain the budget process.

Unfinished Business

a. Facilities – The facilities committee toured the Middle School, PAC, and Pollard. Mrs. Quigley distributed a memo from Dr. McDonald to Mr. Taylor, dated April 21st, regarding facilities projects to be completed over the summer. A checklist of what has been accomplished should be available by the next meeting. The committee discussed the facility maintenance plan and the needs for the district.

New Business

a. Community Survey – Mitchell Mencis, community member, distributed results from a Budget Committee survey completed in the Spring by faculty, administrators, and community. Mr. Mencis explained how to read the data. The section of the survey regarding bus issues was discussed. Mrs. Hess asked if Sandra Hodgkins, Bus Coordinator, could attend a budget committee meeting. Mrs. Hodgkins will be invited to a meeting to present bus needs and issues to the committee.

b. 2004- 2005 Budget - Mr. McDonald announced the school district had a \$646,000 surplus from the 2002-2003 budget. Most of which was from a lower cost of health insurance than expected. The surplus will offset the cost to towns next year. The capital reserve fund has reached approximately \$500,000. The committee discussed the rotation of presentations of the budget from the schools. First draft of the budget will not be until late October.

Future Agenda and Dates

Next budget committee meeting is October 9, 2003, 7:00 p.m., SAU 55 Office

The committee meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Clerk