

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

Regular Meeting
October 09, 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: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Quigley, and Mr. Stokinger. Mrs. Miller arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Absent: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Metcalf, Mrs. Zerba, Mr. Tarushka, and Mrs. Withee

Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2003. The committee was unable to approve without a quorum.

Correspondence – A letter was received from Michelle O’Neil, Danville resident, regarding her interest in filling an opening on the Budget Committee.

Delegations and Individuals – Mrs. Hodgkins, Transportation Coordinator, was unable to attend. She will be invited to a meeting in November or December.

Reports of Committees

a. Budget Committee Members

- ❑ The Facility Committee’s focus is on the maintenance list generated during the last several meetings, what has been accomplished, what items still need to be completed, and prioritize them. The next meeting will be November 17, 2003. The committee toured all the schools during the last meeting.
- ❑ Mrs. Hess was not notified of the last Curriculum and Assessment meeting, consequently she did not attend. Mr. Stokinger will make sure Mrs. Hess receives notification of meetings.
- ❑ Community Outreach committee toured Sandown Central with Sandown Selectman and administration of the SAU. Mrs. Meehan suggested the same be done in other towns. Mrs. Quigley will offer a tour to the Town of Plaistow.

b. School Board Representative - None

Unfinished Business

a. Facilities – No additional information

New Business

a. Danville Vacancy – Michelle O’Neil’s request to be on the budget committee will be brought to the School Board and the School District Moderator.

b. Budget Presentations – Colleen Bovi presented the 2004-2005 budget request. She introduced her staff, Kathy Ward and Edwina Lovett. Mrs. Bovi has proposed the possibility of replacing a number of teacher assistants in the district with one certified teacher. A model is being looked into. Presently this district hires 110 special education teacher assistants. One major function of the budget is the increase of out-of-district placed students. After a discussion of these students, Mrs. Ward stated she believed our School Resource Officer, Officer Marsilia, has been extremely beneficial in keeping the delinquency down at the high school which has cut down on the out-of-district placements. Mrs. Bovi and Mrs. Lovett both reiterated the exceptional work Officer Marsilia has accomplished at the high school. Emotionally handicapped students have tripled in the last few years in the high school and middle school.

Mr. Peter Taylor, Director of Facilities, reviewed the maintenance budget for 2004-2005. Seventy+ per cent of the budget consists of labor and utilities. Supplies consist of only 5% of the budget. Mr. Taylor will be asking for two additional custodians. Items discussed were new equipment requests, plumbing, heating, and electrical account. The budget has been increased the last two years to maintain the fields behind the high school and middle school. Mrs. Quigley asked for a report of priority maintenance items that have been completed, will be completed this year, and what needs to be budgeting for next year. The cost should also be listed. Mr. Taylor will generate a report for the committee.

Other Business – The Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th has been rescheduled for Monday, November 24th. The December 25th meeting will be rescheduled. Date to be determined at a later meeting. The elementary school principals will attend the next Budget Committee meeting on October 23rd.

Future Agenda and Dates - Next budget committee meeting is October 23, 2003, 7:00 p.m., SAU 55 Office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Clerk