

Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Regular Meeting
October 14, 2004
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mr. Tarushka, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.; the clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: Mrs. Quigley, Mrs. Hess, and Mrs. Zerba

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil and seconded by Mrs. Miller,

Voted: To approve the minutes of September 9, 2004

Passed: 6 Approved, 1 abstention (Mr. Tarushka)

Correspondence – None

Delegations and Individuals - None

New Business

A. 2005-06 Technology Budget - Mr. John Holland and Mrs. Linda Heuer presented the Technology budget for 2005-2006 totaling \$590,751. He pointed out the new line item for the distance learning system. Mr. Holland explained the workings of the distance learning and the grant received in the amount of \$500,000 in partnership with Groveton School District and Elliott Hospital. Mr. Holland stated the department has received a grant from Title V and will continue to apply for any additional grants available. He explained the software and equipment needed for each school in the district. Mr. Taylor, Maintenance Director, discussed the difference between regular monitors and flat screen monitors in energy cost. He has started the process to ask the Electric Company to subsidize the price difference of \$220. per monitor to save a significant amount of electricity costs and to cut down the heat in the classrooms caused by conventional monitors. Mrs. Meehan congratulated Dean Zanello with the Timberlane Web Site.

B. 2005-2006 Facilities Budget – Mr. Peter Taylor presented the Maintenance Budget totaling 2,606,516. The Energy budget will be a significant increase next year. The budget request for energy alone is 1.2 million. The positives of the new air handler systems were discussed. Safety issues and the possible future costs to install security equipment were discussed. Mr. Paone talked about his Ad Hoc Committee set up to look at parking and fields at the high school and middle school grounds. Mr. Tarushka stated he figured that 2/3 of the increase for next year's maintenance budget will be due to energy costs.

Unfinished Business

a. Amending By-Laws - A 100% committee attendance is necessary to make any changes or approve. Itemed tabled.

b. Budget Goal Setting – No discussion for this meeting

Reports of Committees

a. Budget Committee Members – Mrs. Meehan attended the curriculum and assessment committee meeting. Presentations were made on the transition committees for those students moving up to the next level school. Mrs. Griffin will be presenting a construction proposal for kindergarten to the school board next week. New Hampshire legislature still has \$3 million earmarked for kindergarten that the district will apply for. A decision will need to be made as to how to go forward with a vote to change the policy from grades 1-12 to k-12. She felt this committee was the nuts and bolts of what is the best for students to be successful learners.

b. School Board Representative - None

Other Business

a. Revised Estimated Revenues 2004-05 – Mr. Stokinger presented the estimated revenues that will be reported to the State

Future Agenda and Dates

Wednesday	October 20, 2004	7:00 p.m., SAU Office
Thursday	October 28, 2004	7:00 p.m., SAU Office
Tuesday	November 9, 2004	7:00 p.m., SAU Office
Monday	November 22, 2004	7:00 p.m., SAU Office

On a motion by Mr. Paone, seconded by Mrs. Meehan the committee adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Clerk