

# Timberlane Regional School Board

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown  
New Hampshire

Joint Budget Meeting of the  
Timberlane Regional School Board and Budget Committee  
October 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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Plaistow, NH

At the Performing Arts Center on Greenough Road in Plaistow, NH, the Timberlane Regional School Board attended a joint meeting with the Timberlane Regional Budget Committee for 2009-2010 Budget presentations.

## Call to Order

Chair Charles Balanoff, Budget Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He introduced School Board Vice-Chair Stephen Brown.

## Roll Call

### Budget Committee

**In attendance:** Len Mullen, Michelle O'Neil, Lisa Lambert, Charles Balanoff, Darcie Collins, Catherine Zerba, Elizabeth Quigley (7:20 PM), and Margaret Winn

**Absent:** Jennifer Suech,

## Roll Call

### Timberlane Regional School Board

**In attendance:** Stephen Brown (Vice-Chair), Arlene Champey, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Kosta, Lisa Withee, and Michael Mascola

**Absent:** William Baldwin (Chair), John Paone, and Lori Aubrey

## Administrators in attendance:

Mr. La Salle	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Coker	Director of Secondary Education
Mrs. Killen	Director of Elementary Education
Mr. Stokinger	Business Administrator
Mrs. Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Mrs. Lovett	Director of Pupil Personnel
Mrs. Rincon	Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel
Mrs. Danahy	Director of Human Resources
Mr. Holland	Director of Technology
Mr. Hughes	Director of Facilities

Mr. Balanoff led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. La Salle informed the public that this session will complete the budget presentation by providing information on grants, pupil personnel services, technology, human resources and facilities. After the presentations there will be a question and answer session. He noted that the Budget Committee and School Board are pleased with the new budget format.

## Overview of Grants

### IDEA & Preschool

Mrs. Lovett presented information regarding the Medicaid reimbursement and noted that the District will no longer receive reimbursement for transportation but will continue to receive money for tuition and catastrophic aid.

## Title I

Mrs. Killen addressed the Title I grant by clarifying the grant support is for disadvantage children in need of supplement support, reading, and staff development. Other Title I support includes free and reduced lunch, summer programs, parent support and assisting the homeless.

## **Title II**

Mrs. Killen reported that the Title II grant provides new teacher orientation, the mentor program as well as paraeducator training. The grant provides for stipends for the Professional Learning Communities (PLC), attendance at the national conference and consultants for the "Every Day Math and MathScape curriculum and more.

## **Title IIa**

Mrs. Killen continued reporting noting that the Title IIa grant March 2008 through June 2008 provided for the Power Walk Through training, laptops and the licenses for the software. The same grant for the time period of April 2008 to June 2008 provided science and math training, handbooks and consultants.

## **Title IV**

This grant provided teaching games for behavior improvement and training in many support programs for students.

## **Title V**

The Title V grant provided for drug and violence prevention and is provided on a per student basis; this also provided for the student assistance program offered to all students as well as peer outreach and mediation.

## **Pupil Personnel Services**

Mrs. Lovett introduce Mrs. Rincon and outlined the goal of the pupil personnel program noting to increase literacy and decrease the students who have been identified as learning disable.

They reviewed the grants from the Department of Education that provide training to staff improving knowledge and skills.

Mrs. Lovett proposed a new literacy specialist position that would accomplish long term goals, and reduce out-of-district placements. She then reviewed budget drivers noting contracted services and unfunded mandates.

## **Technology**

Mr. Holland and Mrs. Heuer presented the technology budget, noting the new technology plan that encompasses technology integration, distance learning and professional development. Mr. Holland proposed a new position, technology integrator, that will work district wide at merging the district systems.

Mr. Holland reported on the model technology rooms which are technology-rich classrooms in the district that showcase the technology capabilities for all staff to observe. He also noted the efforts of the district to work paperless.

## **Human Resources & Benefits**

Mrs. Danahy presented the medical insurance guaranteed rate maximum set by HealthTrust. The benefits were reviewed and the budget drivers that effected the benefits were noted including house bill 790 that granted dependents coverage to age 26 and civil unions.

## **Facilities**

Mr. Hughes proposed a new facilities position of grounds supervisor as well as an automotive van for the electrician.

He noted that five schools were awarded Energy Star awards by the Environment Protection Agency. They are Atkinson Academy, Pollard School, Sandown North, Timberlane middle and high schools. He presented key issues for the district which included long term needs, building inspections, air quality and the development of the fields.

Mr. Hughes reviewed the proposed budget changes noting uniforms, repairs, energy projects and equipment.

He then reviewed the summer projects that he would like to address including working on the main entrance and bathrooms at the Pollard school as well as repairing the numerous district catch basins, potholes and the road at the Sandown North. Sandown Central also need repairs to their steps. The 1803 building at Atkinson

Academy needs to have some siding replaced as well as window replacement in the Dyke Auditorium. Danville should have solar powered parking lot lights installed.

Mr. Stokinger added that the decrease in energy usage since 2005 resulted in a reduction of \$278,000 to the energy expenses. He then noted that six site projects and forty-three building projects are scheduled to be reviewed.

**Questions and Answers**

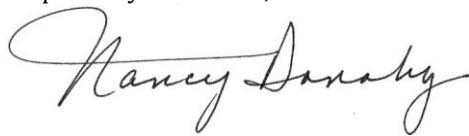
A short discussed ensued.

**Warrant Articles**

Mr. La Salle noted that a negotiations with the Timberlane Teachers Association are ongoing and that any salary increase in the contract will result in a warrant article.

Having no additional business Mr. Balanoff adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy Danahy  
TRSB Clerk