

**Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee**  
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown  
Thursday September 13, 2012

Regular Meeting  
Immediately following Facilities Tours  
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55

Plaistow, New Hampshire

Call to Order:

Chairperson O'Neil called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Spero, Ms. Rochford, Mrs. O'Neil, Mr. Francoeur, Mrs. Rothwell, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lisi and Mr. Barczak as the School Board Representative.

Absent: Mr. Weymouth.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Rothwell made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the minutes of June 28, 2012 as presented.

Vote: Seven in favor. Abstain: One, Mr. Francoeur.

Board Reports:

Mr. Francoeur reported there was work to be done outside the middle school that Mr. Hogan did not show on the tour. He (Mr. Hogan) will occasionally get a call or letter complaining about the condition of the area outside of the back right corner of the building.

Mrs. Green reported attending the Facilities meeting.

Mrs. O'Neil reported attending a Budget and Finance Workshop presented by LGC in Plaistow. She also attended the High School PTSA meeting. Mrs. O'Neil also attended the Curriculum and Assessment meeting which reviewed the current curriculum and how it aligned with the CCS. Every Day Math does not align completely with CCS so a few pilot programs will be done this year using other curriculum that does align with CCS.

Mr. Barczak reported the School Boards hired a new Superintendent after working diligently all summer.

Mr. Stokinger congratulated the Budget Committee members who participated in the facilities tours this evening. He couldn't remember a time when the Budget Committee had shown such a strong presence. He also reported the Lead Grounds position was recently filled and many of the outside maintenance issues will be addressed with his addition to the staff.

Mrs. Green reported there is a dark skies ordinance in Sandown so if a new sign for Sandown Central is in the works, that ordinance needs to be kept in mind. She also commented how all the buildings looked really clean. She thanked Jim Hughes and his crew for doing such a good job.

Also discussed were flaws the District is dealing with currently, such as with buildings like the PAC, when it is clear the architect should never have spec'd out the usage of some materials. Mr. Stoking explained that Jim Hughes has definitely tried to go back to the original contractors and architects but it becomes a waste of time and effort with all the finger pointing.

Mr. Stoking distributed a list of meeting dates for the season per the Budget Committee By-Laws. He reported the dates have been posted publicly per RSA through the end of December. The dates for the public hearing and deliberative session have not been decided yet.

Dr. Earl Metzler was present to introduce himself to the Budget Committee and to briefly review his early impressions of the school district. The differences between Budgeting in a City vs. what we do were briefly discussed. The Budget Committee Members introduced themselves to Dr. Metzler and also asked a variety of questions.

Mrs. Rothwell made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Rochford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

#### Unfinished Business:

Mrs. O'Neil reported a miscommunication happened regarding the addition of the last meeting to the schedule, causing the last meeting not to be recorded. The communication problem has been rectified going forward.

#### Future Agenda Dates:

##### Budget Committee:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 – at SAU (after campus tour which starts at 6:00 p.m.)

##### Other Meetings/Dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - 8:30 a.m. Facilities Comm., SAU Boardroom

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - 10:15 a.m. Safety Comm., SAU Boardroom

Tuesday, Oct. 16 - 8:30 a.m. Facilities Comm., SAU Boardroom

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 6:00 p.m. Facility Tour, Greenough Rd. campus

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 6:00 p.m. Facility Tour, Pollard & AA

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 6:00 p.m. Facility Tour, Danville & Sandown

Mrs. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rochford, to add an additional meeting for Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

Vote: Seven in favor, one against. Motion passes.

Mrs. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rochford, to add an additional meeting on Wednesday November 28, 2012.

Vote: Two in favor, six against. Motion fails.

Mrs. O'Neil stated additional meetings can be added at any time. Mrs. Rothwell clarified the next meeting is Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> after the tour which will start at the Middle School at 6pm.

Mr. Stokinger also clarified the October 16<sup>th</sup> Facilities meeting is the meeting where the final list of projects is decided on for the next fiscal year. The list is then sent to the Budget Committee to be included in the proposed Budget. Mr. Stokinger reported that he tries very hard to have the first draft of the entire budget prepared for the first meeting in November. The ink is usually still drying and therefore cannot be distributed ahead of time for review. He does however; go over it during that meeting carefully so everyone has a good understanding of what they need to review before the next scheduled meeting. This is still the plan unless things change drastically with the hiring of a new Superintendent.

Ms. Rochford made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Spero to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.  
Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Smith  
Recording Secretary  
Approved 10/25/2012