

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

Regular Meeting
October 27, 2011
7:00 p.m.

SAU, 30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, New Hampshire
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1. Call to Order:

Mrs. O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. O'Neil, Ms. Rochford, Mr. Bouchard, Mrs. Chaput and Mr. Collins (arrived 7:55pm).

Absent: Mr. Spero, Ms. Conte, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Lisi

Timberlane Administration Present:

Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator,
Mrs. Smith, Assistant Business Administrator,

Mrs. O'Neil stated that Mr. Collins was expected to arrive shortly. The minutes were tabled until the meeting had a quorum.

The 2012-2013 Budget detail packets from the presentations of the last meeting were discussed in detail. Ms. Rochford asked where the money making enterprises are shown in the budget? Mr. Stokinger explained that the PAC Budget is \$77,500 and can be seen in the annual report and the Food Service Budget can also be seen in the annual report. He also explained the both entities usually make just enough revenue to just cover their expenses. Ms. Rochford asked if effort is put into collections on negative lunch balances. Mr. Stokinger assured her that efforts are being made and have recently have taken a few families to small claims court.

Mr. Cook asked if the budget process could be explained since he is new and doesn't know what to expect. Mrs. O'Neil briefly explained the budgeting process.

The Budget Committee members asked questions and made recommendations as to who should be invited at the next regular Budget Committee Meeting. Mr. Cook stated he has emailed Mr. Holland with a few questions regarding the Technology Department. He stated he would share the answers he receives back. Mrs. O'Neil would like additional information and justification for the Adventurelore request of \$10,000 for the freshman class. Additionally she is not comfortable with the Ebooks request for all freshmen at a cost of \$87,000. She would like additional information regarding that proposed program. Mr. Bouchard noticed that Pollard Elementary expenses were up when every other elementary school budget was level or down. He was wondering what was different at Pollard, specifically the \$5800 increase in the 1100.610.58.08 line. Mr. Stokinger explained that it is due to the curriculum supplies being moved from the curriculum budget to the school level budget. Only the first year a new curriculum is purchased is it included in the curriculum budget. After that the schools need to

buy their own workbooks and journals etc. It was decided to invite Mrs. Killen back to the next meeting.

Mr. Cook expressed questions regarding the Athletics Budget and the addition of the Swim team and the additional volleyball court. Mr. Fantasia will also be invited back to the next meeting.

Mr. Stokinger distributed and presented the Facilities Committee recommendation for building projects for 2013. Another project discussed was the noise issue at the Danville Elementary School during a rain storm. The Danville school is also scheduled to have a generator installed in 2013, because it has been historically losing power the most frequently. Listed under the long term goals is installing a generator at every school. Mrs. O'Neil suggested the school district search for a grant to help purchase the generator which will make school qualify as an emergency shelter. Mr. Stokinger stated he would talk to the Plaistow Emergency Management Director to see if he had any leads on a grant. Other projects discussed were the issues with the wells at the Pollard Elementary School.

Mr. Collins arrived and gave his report on the SAU Budget which was approved at the last SAU meeting. Overall the proposed SAU Budget is down but does include 2% raises for the SAU staff and administrators.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to accept the minutes of October 13, 2011 as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Chaput.

Vote: Unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 10, 2011 where Mr. Strange, Mrs. Killen and Mr. Fantasia will hopefully be able to attend to address some of the Budget Committees questions.

Mrs. O'Neil reminded the Budget Committee members to please make every effort to be at all the meetings since there are so few before the public hearing.

Ms. Rochford made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Chaput to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Vote Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith

Recording Secretary

Approved 11/10/2011