

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

Regular Meeting  
December 08, 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.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Ms. Rochford, Mr. Spero, Mrs. O'Neil, Ms. Conte, Mr. Bouchard, Mrs. Chaput, Mrs. Lisi and Mr. Collins.

Absent: Mr. Cook and Mrs. Holt.

Timberlane Administration Present:

Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator,

Mr. LaSalle, Superintendent

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. O'Neil.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Rochford made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Chaput to approve the minutes of November 10, 2011 as presented.

Vote: Eight in favor. Abstain: one, Ms. Conte.

Mrs. Chaput made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Bouchard to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 as presented.

Vote: Five in favor. Abstain: three Mrs. Lisi, Mr. Bouchard and Ms. Conte.

5. Correspondence: Mrs. O'Neil reported responding to the taxpayer who wrote previously about the Adventurelore Program. Additionally Mr. Cook submitted his resignation from the Budget Committee citing personal reasons.

6. Delegations and Individuals: None

7. Expenditures and Receipts Reports: Nothing.

8. Reports of Committees:

a. Budget Committee Members: Mrs. O'Neil reported attending the Middle School Band Concert which was fabulous. She also stated her husband and father in law attended the Middle School Tea which was also quite successful.

b. School Board Representative: Mr. Collins reported at the last School Board Meeting a presentation was given from the Plaistow Town Manager on the current status of the cleanup of the Beede Superfund Site. The School Board will be contacting the EPA and Beede Group to discuss their plan to use 121A as access for removal of the contaminated soil as opposed to the northern side of the site off Old County Road.

Old County Road was the Town's original approved route to remove the contaminated soil which would have had the least impact on traffic and public safety.

Mr. Collins stated the School Board has not actually approved the proposed reconstruction of the Athletic area at the High School yet. He anticipates a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Mr. Collins also invited the Budget Committee members to the January 19<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting which is scheduled to be an open forum with all the State House and Senate Representatives invited to discuss:

- i. State building aid moratorium
- ii. The School District's efforts regarding a warrant article for gym reconstruction using a bond
- iii. State retirement funding
- iv. State adequacy funding
- v. Potential constitutional amendments regarding education funding

9. Unfinished Business:

a. Review of the 2012-2013 Budget:

Mr. Stokinger distributed and briefly discussed a summary of the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget which is currently at \$62,886,817.00 which is down \$50,238 from the current year's budget.

Mr. LaSalle reviewed his summary of cuts recently taken and other potential cuts available; however the additional cuts are not recommended by administration. Mr. LaSalle explained he feels there is not much room in the proposed budget for cuts since he originally directed his administration to keep their requests to "needs" and not to include "wants" in light of the economy. The four potential cuts discussed were:

- i. Eliminating one bus in Plaistow for a savings of \$55,000.
- ii. Removing the proposed generator for Danville for \$200,000.
- iii. Reducing the High School supply account by \$10,000.
- iv. Removing two open teacher positions for \$90,000.

Mrs. O'Neil reminded all the Budget Committee members that we need to reach a decision regarding the proposed budget. Mrs. O'Neil also stated the next meeting will be to review the Default Budget and the Warrant Articles except for the Adventurelore discussion. It was agreed to discuss each possible cut individually and vote if there seemed to be a consensus to remove the item. Mr. Bouchard recommended the generator stay in the proposed budget. There was a general consensus in agreement.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Rochford to eliminate one Plaistow bus to save \$55,000. Vote: Unanimous.

The High School supply account was discussed and Mr. Collins explained why he thought it was not a good idea to cut that budget by \$10,000.

Mr. Spero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Bouchard to remove \$10,000 from the high school supply accounts. Vote: Five in favor, three opposed. The motion carried.

The two open teacher positions were discussed. Mr. LaSalle explained the enrollment numbers are still unknown in some grades. These grades are on the edge of needing an additional classroom. He anticipates hiring new staff only if the enrollment numbers warrant it. Mr. LaSalle also reported the TTA contract will be voted on at the next school board meeting.

10. New Business: None.

11. Other Business:

Mr. Stokinger reminded the Budget Committee that many of the current members will need to sign up as a candidate to be listed on the ballot in March. The filing dates are Wednesday January 25, 2012 to Friday February 3, 2012.

12. Future Agenda and Dates:

Budget Committee:

Thursday December 22, 2011 7:00 pm at the SAU.

Thursday January 12, 2012 7:00 pm at the PAC (Public Hearing).

Thursday January 26, 2012 7:00 pm at the SAU.

Thursday February 9, 2012 7:00 pm at the PAC (Deliberative Session).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Smith  
Recording Secretary  
Approved 12/22/2011