

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

Regular Meeting
April 14, 2011
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Call to Order:

Chairperson O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rochford, Mr. Spero, Mr. Cook, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Chaput and Mr. Collins as the School Board Representative.

Absent: Ms. Conte, Mr. Bouchard and Mrs. Lisi.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Holt made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Rochford to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011 both Organizational and Regular Meeting, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous.

Mrs. O'Neil reported an email was received regarding the Budget Committee procedure of "Reply All" when a member cannot attend a meeting. It appears everyone including School Board Members and Administration received those emails and would prefer not to get them. The various options were discussed regarding communicating an absence and it was finally agreed that if a Budget Committee Member cannot attend an upcoming meeting, they need to email the Chair, the Vice Chair and Mr. Stokinger.

Committee Reports: Ms. Rochford reported the Atkinson Academy lip sync was held and was a huge success. The kids really enjoy this annual event run by Mr. Goddard. She also attended the Elementary Orchestra assembly which was also quite impressive. Mrs. O'Neil reported attending the Danville PTA auction, which had a disappointing turn out, however she did enjoy attending it. Mr. Collins stated the School Board voted on the Teacher re-nominations at their last meeting and gave his congratulations to all the Teachers who are returning. He also reported the School Board voted to partially subsidize the travel expenses of the vocational students who must travel to the other schools. Mr. LaSalle also gave the School Board an update on the State Budget however it is a moving target and the school districts won't know anything for sure until June 30, 2011. Again the biggest ticket item many schools will need to deal with is the State portion of the NH Retirement for Teachers; if the State does not pick up their expected portion it means an unexpected expense of 1.3 million dollars for Timberlane. As of this time only one administrator and two teachers were given temporary pink slips in preparation for that outcome at the State. Other support staff may also be affected but they did not have the re-nomination deadline requirement the teachers had.

Mr. Cook volunteered to be the Technology Committee liaison due to his familiarity and extensive experience in the technology field. Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Chaput stated they may be

able to attend the Curriculum Committee meetings. Ms. Rochford stated she may be able to attend the Facilities and Safety meetings in the fall but she is not sure at this time.

Mr. Stokinger distributed information regarding the common words and acronyms used by the Budget Committee that new members might not be familiar with. He also gave out a list of Committee meetings and the contact information. He asked that any member who would be interested in attending the committee meetings, please contact the administrator in charge to be added to the mailing list. Occasionally the committee meetings are cancelled or rescheduled and you will want to be notified when that happens.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 8, 2011. Mrs. O'Neil stated she really liked how the facilities tours went last year and asked Mr. Stokinger to contact the Facilities Committee to see if it can be done in the same fashion again this fall. Mr. Stokinger stated he thinks that would not be a problem and would contact Mrs. Withee.

The Budget process was discussed briefly for the benefit of the new members. Videographer Mr. Zanello stated the last two years of Budget Presentations are available on Vimeo to review. He will send a link out to all the members so the new members can get an idea of what to expect.

Mrs. Holt made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Chaput, to adjourn at 7:35 pm.
Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary
Approved September 8, 2011