

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

Regular Meeting Joint with School Board
October 14, 2010
7:04 p.m.

PAC, 40 Greenough Road
Plaistow, New Hampshire
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1. Call to Order:

Mrs. O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call:

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

School Board Members Present:

Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Steenson, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone, Mr. Porcelli and Mrs. Withee.

Absent: Mr. Baldwin,

Timberlane Administration Present:

Mr. LaSalle, Superintendent,

Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator,

Mrs. Danahy, Director of Human Resources

Mrs. Smith, Assistant Business Administrator,

Mr. Strainge, Director of Secondary Education,

Mrs. Killen, Director of Elementary Education

Mr. Woodworth, High School Principal,

Mr. Michael Hogan, Middle School Principal

Mrs. Lovett, Director of Pupil Personnel,

Mrs. Rincon, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel,

Mr. Holland, Director of Technology,

Mrs. Heuer, Technology Coordinator,

Mr. DiBartolomeo, Director of Music and Performing Arts Center

Mr. Fantasia, Athletic Director

Mr. Hughes, Director of Facilities

Mrs. Dayotis, Atkinson Academy Principal

Mrs. Auger, Pollard School Principal

Mrs. Hart, Danville Elementary Principal

Mr. Rolph, Sandown Central School Principal

Mrs. Georgian, Sandown North Principal

Mrs. O'Neil asked for a motion to skip down to the Budget Presentations under the New Business portion of the Agenda. Ms. Rochford made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bouchard.

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. LaSalle started the presentation with a brief introduction and the review of the agenda. He stated they would be giving presentations for all departments in one evening with questions and review to be done on the Oct 28, 2010 meeting.

Mr. LaSalle went on to describe some of the important “budget drivers” for this budget season such as health benefits, NH Retirement System rates and the costs associated with special education, such as tuition for out of district placements. He also explained that this budget season has just begun and some of the largest portions of the proposed budget have not been developed yet. This year will also be the first year the district will need to worry about loss in revenue, which will be explained in more detail by Mr. Stokinger.

Mr. Stokinger gave a brief presentation describing the loss of revenue issues with regards to the condition of the State Budgets. He also explained that it is not clear at this time if the State will be paying their 35% towards teacher retirement or if they will stay with the 25% contribution they have been paying the last two years. School Building aid is also in question since the payments made to the school districts for the last two years were essentially put on a credit card by being bonded by the State. The new funding formula is slated to take effect which causes Timberlane to lose \$744,679 in state adequacy aid. Lastly Mr. Stokinger noted to the audience that there is a new object code this year for on-line resources. This was done to record these expenses which will hopefully be part of the expenses that qualify for the erate credit.

Mrs. Killen and Mr. Strainge presented a brief review of the curriculum goals for 2011-2012. Mrs. Killen described the initiatives that are affecting her budget like RTI, new handwriting curriculum, NH History for 3rd grade and the Bullying prevention materials. Additional equipment she is hoping to purchase are laptops for Literacy Specialists and mobi-carts for the art teachers. Additional funds will be budgeted for Tech Steps, eSuite for Math and the assessment platforms for NWEA computer based testing.

Mr. Strainge stated that at the district level there are not any large scale curriculum purchases scheduled for 2011-2012 which will cause his budget to be lower than it has in past few years. Overall the Curriculum budget is down from this current year by \$87,869.

Mr. Woodworth presented the High School proposed budget. The High School will be focusing on technology and becoming a performance based school where all students will meet the state competencies. With the recent addition of the new intercom and phone system, new science labs and other recent renovations the school is looking good. His proposed budget is down from the current budget by \$144,697.

Mr. Hogan presented the Middle School proposed budget. The Middle School will be focusing on the 21st Century education as well, including an effective and challenging curriculum for all students. Some items that Mr. Hogan will be asking for are new rolling shelving for the library to make that space more versatile. Also he will be asking for a new convection oven for \$1100 and additional net books so an entire class can be using them at the same time. Overall his budget requests are down \$12,378 from the current budget.

Mr. DiBartolomeo presented the Music and Performing Arts Center proposed budget. He reviewed the large number of students involved in the Music and Drama and described a program that is far above the average school music program. His overall budget requests which is affected mostly by the need for more SmartMusic licenses and the price of the subscription, is down \$1709.

Mr. Holland presented the District Technology budget and the Business Services budget. He stated, as can be seen by the previous presenters, technology has become a necessary integrated part of the 21st century education. Even with all the requests for new laptops etc. by the different schools, his overall budget request is down \$2839.

Mr. Fantasia presented the Athletic Depart proposed budget. Mr. Fantasia stated the PE and Health Curriculum has been recently improved and additional course selections have been developed. Instruction in this area is also utilizing technology. Additionally there has been an increase in sports participation which has also affected his budget request for next year. Some increased costs are the athletic trainer fees, officials, NHIAA dues and transportation costs. Overall his budget request is up \$13,041.

Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Rincon presented the Pupil Personnel budget requests. The focus for 2011-2012 is RTI where intensive, one on one assistance is provided to children below achievement level, in hopes of limiting the number of students who need to be coded as special education. Other areas of focus for 2011-2012 is transition services for the special education students who will not be able to attend higher education and need help with becoming productive members of society. Overall the PPS budget is up \$73,935 due to the YESS program which involves the students who are at risk of dropping out of school and the private tuition rates for the out of district placements.

Mr. Hughes presented the Facilities Operations budget. New items included in his budget request are a seasonal storage facility for the athletic equipment and developing additional sites for the athletic programs. Overall his budget request is down \$3895 from the current year budget.

Mr. LaSalle gave a brief conclusion to the presentations and stated that there is a new invigorated feel to the district from staff to the students, with all the recent renovations and improvements to curriculum. He will be able to review the enrollment numbers by the next meeting and will discuss at that time, any staffing changes that he will recommend for 2011-2012. The presentations were completed at 8:45pm. Mrs. O'Neil recommended a five minute break.

The Budget Committee members reconvened after five minutes.

Ms. Rochford made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Lisi, to accept the minutes of September 9, 2010 with corrections made.

Vote: Seven in favor. One abstains, Mrs. Lisi.

Mr. Stokinger distributed the financial reports that support the evening's budget presentations.

Mrs. O'Neil stated the minutes have been posted to the new SharePoint site.

Mr. Stokinger stated that Mr. Murray resigned his seat due to a conflict with work obligations. Ms. Maffeo was in audience and had submitted her resume and expressed interest in filling Mr. Murray' seat. Ms. Rochford made a motion to accept Ms. Maffeo as the replacement for Mr. Murray. The motion was seconded by Ms. Conte.

Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Stokinger asked Ms. Maffeo to contact the office so she could be sworn in by the school district clerk who happens to work at the SAU office.

There was a brief discussion about the recently attended State Budget Committee workshop. Mrs. O'Neil reminded everyone to complete the mileage reimbursement form that was attached to the email from Mrs. Belcher.

Mrs. O'Neil stated that all the committee members should do their due diligence and review the material given out about the budget requests. Questions can then be emailed to her and then forwarded on to Mr. Stokinger so the answers will be available to them at the next meeting on October 28, 2010.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to schedule a meeting for Wednesday November 3, 2010 and was seconded by Ms. Rochford. The purpose of the meeting is to review the proposed budget which should be ready in its entirety including staff and district expenses.

Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Lisi to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Vote Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary
Approved October 28, 2010