

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

Regular Meeting Joint with School Board
October 23, 2008
7:04 p.m.

SAU # 55, 30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, New Hampshire
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1. Call to Order:

Mr. Balanoff called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Zerba, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Collie, Mr. Mascola 7:25 p.m., Mr. Mullen, Mrs. Quigley, Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Balanoff.

Absent: Mrs. Suech and Mrs. Winn.

School Board Members Present:

Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Champey, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Paone and Mrs. Withee.

Absent: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Paone and Mrs. Aubrey

Staff Present:

Mr. LaSalle Superintendent, George Stokinger Business Administrator, Kathy Smith Assistant Administrator, Mrs. Danahy HR Director, Mrs. Lovett Director of Pupil Personnel, Mrs. Rincon Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel, Mr. Coker Director of Secondary Education, Mrs. Killen Director of Elementary Education, Mr. Holland Director of Technology, Mrs. Heuer Technology Coordinator, Mr. DiBartolomeo Director of Music, Mr. Woodworth High School Principal, and Mr. Hughes Facilities Director.

Mr. Balanoff suggested skipping to item #8 on the agenda, 2009-2010 Budget Presentations where he asked Mr. LaSalle to begin.

Mr. LaSalle started the power point presentation with a review of the topics to be covered in the Budget Presentations this evening.

Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Killen were first to give their presentations on the Federal Grants. Mrs. Lovett spoke regarding the IDEA and Preschool Grants which are both federal grants allocated thru the State. Additional funds do come directly from the state in the form of the Catastrophic Aid Grant to reimburse the District once they have spent three and half times the state average per pupil. This aid is expected to be funded only at 70 to 80 % of a schools allocation. The total revenue expected is \$1,728,359. One change she noted, effective January 2009, will be the end of the Medicaid reimbursement for handicapped student transportation. This expense, estimated to be around \$18,000, will be picked up by the School District.

Mrs. Killen discussed the Federal Title Grants. Title I for 2008-2009 revenue is \$191,899 which is an increase over the last two years. Title I is to provide opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills to meet the State proficiency standards.

Title II is to increase academic achievement by improving the quality of teachers and staff. The 2008-2009 total grant amount for Title II is \$190,832 which is up from the previous year's grant amount. This money is spent on mentor and professional development/training for the staff. Additional areas for the Title II funding are in the development of Curriculum.

Timberlane was granted additional funds under Title IIA redistribution round 1, in the amount of \$82,980 which provided training on software and equipment to aid Administrators in the performance of classroom observations and documentation via a PDA. Redistribution round 2 provided some of the High school staff to attend a conference on Science and mathematics. Middle School staff attended a reading conference in June. A writing consultant was also hired from these funds to assist the Elementary staff. Round 3 was an additional \$14,750 for more teacher training at the middle and elementary schools. The total for the Title IIA grant for 2007-2008 is \$304,490, the highest grant awarded in the state for Title IIA.

The Title IV program provides support in areas such as drug/alcohol abuse and violence prevention as well as providing the youth risk assessment surveys. The total amount for 2008-2009 is \$14,088.

Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Rincon gave the Pupil Personnel Services Budget presentation stating the emphasis in 2009-2010 will be on literacy, with a goal of reducing the number of students reading below proficient by 10%. Other goals they have set is to reduce the number of students identified with specific learning disabilities, improve teacher knowledge and skills, implement the PBIS district wide and increase the frequency of student monitoring for progress. The proposed budget for PPS is \$3,141,205 which is up \$122,610 over the current year budget. The main increase in this area is in the tuition and transportation lines.

Mr. Holland and Mrs. Heuer were present to discuss the Technology and Business Services budget for 2009-2010. The initiatives in Technology are the development of a new 3 year plan which focuses on perfecting technology integration, bringing Distance Learning to the Desktop, providing "Model" Technology Rich classrooms, additional Network enhancements and workgroup based printing and scanning to save money. The proposed Technology Budget is down \$1408 and the Business Services is down \$3,330 from the current funding level.

Mrs. Danahy discussed the Benefits provided to the employees and the costs associated with them. She reported that the initial guaranteed max from the health insurance company is an increase of 12.3% for health and 3.6% for dental, for the 2009-2010 school year. The health Trust will review this rate again in May 2009 and set the actual rates at that time.

Mr. Hughes reviewed the major budget factors in his proposed budget for 2009-2010. He would like to hire a Grounds Supervisor and replace a utility van. Mr. Hughes reported that his goal is to bring all the schools to top energy efficiency and has already been awarded the EPA Energy Star award for five of the seven buildings owned by the school district. The Facilities proposed budget is up \$32,179. The Facilities Projects Budget is up \$59,220, but the Facilities Committee will be meeting next week to discuss and refine the proposed improvements. The utilities budget is up \$208,000 from current funding levels.

Mr. LaSalle reminded everyone that the Teachers Union contract is in negotiations and that the proposed contract will be on the Warrant.

The Budget Committee members assembled to complete the agenda items as others who were present for the proposed budget presentations left the PAC.

3. Approval of Minutes: Mrs. O'Neil made a motion to accept the minutes of October 9, 2008 with amendments. Mrs. Zerba seconded the motion.
Vote: Six approved. One abstains.
4. Correspondence. Mrs. O'Neil stated there wasn't any correspondence that she was aware of.
5. Delegations and Individuals: None
6. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Budget Committee Members: Mrs. Collie attended the safety committee meeting where additional first aid and CPR training were discussed at length.
 - b. School Board Representative: Mr. Mascola reported the usual stuff.
7. Unfinished Business: Mrs. Quigley would like to see the High School Open House Night and the first night of the presentations not be on the same evening.
8. New Business: None
9. Other Business: none

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary
Approved 11/13/ 2008