

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

Regular Meeting
December 22, 2005
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mr. Tarushka, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm; the *acting* clerk (George Stokinger) called the roll.

Present: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. O'Neil,
Mrs. Quigley, Mrs. Suech, Mr. Tarushka, Mrs. Zerba and Mr. Stokinger
Absent: Mr. Balanoff

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Zerba, seconded by Mrs. Miller;

Voted: To approve the November 22, 2005 minutes as amended

Passed: 7 approved, 2 abstention (Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Quigley)

Correspondence – None

Delegations and Individuals - None

Reports of Committees

Budget Committee Members - none

School Board Member – Mrs. Miller noted the Future Planning Committee has met and will be expanding its membership and encouraged Budget Committee participation. The next meeting will be February 2, 2006 at 6:30 at the SAU. Mrs. Miller explained the school board's priority for the March warrant was the teacher's contract and the operating budget. There was a brief discussion regarding Kindergarten as several committee members felt that this should have been offered to the voters as a warrant article.

New Business - None

Unfinished Business

Dr. McDonald informed the committee that the Timberlane Teachers Association and the School Board had agreed to a new three-year contract. The school board had ratified the contract at the recent meeting on December 15 and the Teachers Association would meet to ratify the first week of January.

Dr. McDonald discussed the latest draft (#6) of the budget, which is at \$53,207,448. The latest adjustments were reviewed which included reinstatement of the previously cut security funds and reductions in substitutes, energy costs, and repairs. The default budget and non-default items were reviewed. There was a discussion regarding the need for the Middle School Resource Officer. Some members expressed concern regarding this and an informal poll of the members showed a majority did not support the position. A general concern was voiced with the overall increase in the budget, particularly when combined with the need to pass the teachers contract. The committee expressed a desire to see the budget be reduced to below \$53 million. The committee requested Dr. McDonald reduce the budget further, leaving specific cuts to the discretion of administration with the desire of having minimal impact on instruction. A Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. January 10, 2006 at the SAU to review the adjusted budget.

On a motion by Mrs. O'Neil, seconded by Mrs. Hess;

Voted: To reduce the budget an additional \$207,500 to \$52,999,948.

Passed: 5 approved, 4 Opposed

Future Agenda and Dates

Next Budget Committee meeting is Tuesday January 10, 2006, 7:00 pm, SAU 55 Office.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2006, 7:00 pm, Performing Arts Center, with a Budget Committee meeting immediately following.

On a motion by Mrs. Hess, seconded by Mrs. Quigley the committee adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Stokinger
(*Acting*) Clerk