

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

Regular Meeting
October 28, 2004
7:00 p.m.

SAU 55
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Mrs. Quigley, Assistant Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; the clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: Mr. Tarushka

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the previous two meetings were tabled until November 9, 2004.

Correspondence – None

Delegations and Individuals - None

New Business

a. 2005-2006 Elementary Principals: Elementary School Principals, Peg Ralph, Heidi Webster, Jo-Ann Georgian, Doug Rolph, and Henry Fardella were introduced. Mr. Fardella spoke for all the principals regarding the supplies, maintenance, and book accounts which are determined by the number of expected enrollment per school. He stated Pollard School will be adding a classroom and furniture necessary for the new room. Student chairs in three rooms, folding chairs, and white boards are also requested.

Doug Rolph is asking for easels, a whiteboard, computer tables, mobile cabinets, student desks, bookcases and file cabinets.

After a question regarding the cost of white boards, Mrs. Ralph explained the elementary principals will pull together their needs and go out for quotes for the total amount of white boards needed in the 5 schools. The better quality is very important for long lasting use.

Mrs. Georgian, Sandown North, is asking for additional time for a media specialist. New equipment is needed to equip a special education classroom. The Sandown North Principal is asking for a good shredder that will last. Mr. Balanoff suggested using a company to do all the shredding for the district as a possible way to save money.

Heidi Webster, Atkinson Academy, is requesting additional time for her media specialist and an additional special education teacher. New computer tables, chairs, and miscellaneous classroom equipment is needed as well.

Peg Ralph, Danville Elementary, stated Danville's enrollment is increasing each year. This may not change the number of classrooms needed but a couple of classrooms are close to the maximum class size. She is also asking for additional media specialist time and technology support. Mrs. Ralph is also requesting replacement classroom furniture and new computer tables. All of the cafeteria tables are overdue for replacement and she would like to start purchasing 2 tables a year until all old tables are gone.

Mrs. Zerba asked if a Foreign Language Program would be implemented in the elementary schools. The principals are not asking for money for the program but are planning to use the distance-learning program to introduce languages at the elementary level.

b. 2005-06 Middle School Principal: Gil Johanson, Principal, and Jackie Oros, 6th grade Curriculum Coordinator, presented the middle school budget. Mr. Johanson is not expecting an increase in enrollment this year but every space in the building is being used. Mrs. Hess asked why the middle school did not ask for enough rooms in the building project. Mr. Johanson's answer was four rooms were cut from the building project due to the increase in the cost of the project. He is requesting a Foreign Language teacher for French next year. He pointed out the accounts that have a significant increase.

The counter tops in the home economics department are being replaced in November. There will be new lockers in the girls' locker room this year. Mr. Johanson stated the funds raised from the magazine drive are distributed to each team; receiving an equal amount, the PTSA is given a portion, a portion is used for field trips and the remainder towards other student activity cost, student agendas, and scholarships. Money is not used for classroom equipment. Mr. Johanson attended a conference on nutrition and discovered New Hampshire residents have the highest rate of obesity. Due to this information, he is only selling water from the vending machines and has started to offer more nutritious and less fat foods.

After Mr. Johanson left Mrs. Hess asked why the middle school has a district field trip account and fundraised money available for trips and students are still paying so much for field trips. Mr. Stokinger will email the question to Mr. Johanson and will email his response to the Budget Committee.

Unfinished Business – Mr. Stokinger distributed an account number explanation sheet that depicted the functions, objects, departments, and etc.

Reports of Committees

a. Budget Committee Members – During the next facilities committee meeting space issues will be the main agenda. The new high school boilers will be started up this week. The transformers will be installed November 8th and the change over will take place during the Thanksgiving weekend. The kitchen facilities in all the schools, except Sandown North, are in need of an upgrade. The Facilities Committee may have a consultant come in to look at all the schools' kitchens, except the newest school – Sandown North.

b. School Board Representative - None

Future Agenda and Dates

Next special budget committee meeting is November 9, 2004, 7:00 p.m., SAU 55 Office
Next regular budget committee meeting is November 22, 2004, 7:00 p.m., SAU 55 Office

On a motion by Mrs. Hess, seconded by Mrs. O'Neil the committee adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rothwell
Clerk