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Timberlane Regional School Board
Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting before and after Public Hearing
January 16, 2025
6:33 PM and 10:34 PM

PAC
40 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Board Members Present
Katie Knutsen, Alyssa Kowalczyk, Shauna Manthorn, Kim McCormick, Jack Sapia, Mark Sherwood, Brienna Woodworth, Don Woodworth

Excused Absence: Paul LeCain

1. Default Budget

The Board met to revote on the default budget due to renegotiation of the transportation contract, which is a decrease of $95,000. Due to this change, the default budget is now $90,048,656. Mrs. Watkins stated this number includes the $250,000 capital reserve, but when presented in the warrant article, the default budget number does not include this fund as it is its own warrant article.

MOTION: Mr. Woodworth motioned to approve the default budget of $90,048,656. Seconded by Mr. Sapia. Motion passed 8-0-0.

2. Personnel Report

MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to accept the professional nomination of Deanna Flug, Special Education Teacher at Sandown North. Seconded by Mrs. McCormick. Motion passed 8-0-0.

The Board went into recess and then entered into the Public Hearing.

At 10:34 PM, the Board reconvened to take recommended action on warrant articles 2 through 13, not including citizens' petitions.

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MOTION: Mr. Woodworth motioned to recommend Article 2, the operating budget of $88,568,076. Seconded by Mrs. Manthorn. Motion passed 8-0-0 (Mr. Sapia initially abstained, but revised his recommendation at the end of the meeting).

Mrs. Woodworth noted that this is a large number but is necessary for the students and education. She commended the Budget Committee and Superintendent for bringing this budget forward as it is a decrease than prior years. Mr. Woodworth expressed that the administration put in effort and brought a budget that can work effectively.

MOTION: Mrs. McCormick motioned to recommend Article 3. Seconded by Mrs. Manthorn. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mrs. Woodworth questioned if they can take into consideration the FY27 start date or as of date. Superintendent Krieger explained that the language of the warrant is to start kindergarten in FY27 and conversations will be for the next budget cycle. He will be delving into this topic at the public hearing on January 27th and at the Deliberative Session to provide clarity. Discussion ensued regarding the calculation of the costs of providing full-time kindergarten and the benefits of providing this option to students.

Chair Knutsen announced that they do not need to vote on Articles 4-7 and noted historically the Board has not voted on citizens' petitions.

Mr. Sherwood requested a point of clarification regarding Article 4 and if it would be exclusive of the district's contractual obligations. Superintendent Krieger explained the 2.5% cap would be a total budget cap: the operating budget plus any costs associated warrant articles, which may or not include collective bargaining agreements. If approved, it would be part of the FY27 budget cycle planning, placing a 2.5% budget increase cap.

MOTION: Mrs. McCormick motioned to recommend Article 8, the 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the Timberlane Custodians' Union for a 3-year total of $278,689 with the first year 25-26 to raise and appropriate $138,189. Seconded by Mr. Sherwood. Motion passed 8-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to recommend Article 9, Authorization for Special Meeting Cost Items. Seconded by Mrs. Woodworth. Motion passed 8-0-0.

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MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to recommend Article 10, the 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the Timberlane Cafeteria Workers' Union for a 3-year total of $17,022 with the first year 25-26 to raise and appropriate $4,798. Seconded by Mr. Sherwood. Motion passed 8-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Woodworth motioned to recommend Article 11, Authorization for Special Meeting Cost Items. Seconded by Mrs. Manthorn. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mr. Sapia requested to amend his vote from Article 2. Chair Knutsen requested to continue with voting on the remaining articles and to return to Article 2 afterwards.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend Article 12, General Acceptance of Reports. Seconded by Mrs. Kowalczyk. Motion passed 8-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Kowalczyk motioned to recommend Article 13, Capital Reserve Fund by Surplus in the amount of $250,000. Seconded by Mrs. Woodworth. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mrs. Watkins informed the Board if the fund is not expended it gets return to the taxpayers. She explained the last time it was used was last year for $950,000 for the High School boilers.

Chair Knutsen acknowledged Mr. Sapia's request to change his vote on Article 2. Mr. Sapia requested to change his vote to "Yes", which changes the motion to pass by 8-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Greenfield
Recording Secretary

Approved by the School Board on February 20, 2025.