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Timberlane Regional School Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting after Deliberative Session
February 6, 2025
11:45 PM

PAC
40 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order at 11:45 PM

Chair Knutsen called this February 6, 2025 special meeting of the School Board to order at 11:45 PM.

Board Members Present

Katie Knutsen, Alyssa Kowalczyk, Paul LeCain, Shauna Manthorn, Jack Sapia, Mark Sherwood, Brienna Woodworth, Don Woodworth

Excused absence: Kim McCormick

Board members reviewed the warrant articles that were amended on the floor of Deliberative Session and discussed modifying their recommendations for those articles for ballot.

Article 2 – Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$81,941,925? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$89,798,656, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Timberlane Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Warrant Article 2 (the operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Motion: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend Article 2; seconded by Mrs. Manthorn.
Vote: The motion failed 0-8-0.

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Article 3 – Amendment to Articles of Agreement

To see if the school district will vote to amend the Articles of Agreement of the Timberlane Regional School District as follows:

3. The Timberlane Regional School District shall be responsible for the public education of pupils in grades 4 **Kindergarten** through grade 12 **as mandated by the State of NH**. Pupils in the pre-existing districts shall be assigned by the Regional Board to attend the elementary schools in the pre-existing districts in which they reside for no less than the first five years of formal schooling. Resident parents or guardians may voluntarily request that their elementary student(s) be assigned to another in-district public elementary school on an annual basis as long as seats are available and that no additional costs (transportation, etc.) be incurred by the School District. The Regional School Board may assign pupils to a school other than one in the pre-existing district in which they reside for the purpose of special education not available in the pre-existing district. Grades 6 through 12 may be maintained in central schools within the Cooperative District.

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12. The Timberlane Regional School District shall provide transportation for all pupils grades 4 **in Kindergarten** through grade 12, to the schools within the district, consistent with the provisions of RSA 189:8, except that until the Timberlane Regional Junior-Senior High School is operative, present regulations pertaining to high school transportation shall apply, and any costs to the Regional School District for this transportation shall be charged to the pre-existing district in which the students reside, who incur this expense. (TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Motion: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend Article 3; Mrs. Manthorn seconded.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0.

Having no further business before the Board, Chair Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 11:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Salovitch

Chief Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved by the School Board on February 20, 2025.