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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DANVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ⬬

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

3-Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- JENNIFER HEYWOOD ⬭
- MARIANNE SPRINGER ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

3-Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- KRISTI AUCLAIR ⬭
- BRIAN SMITH ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

ARTICLES

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)

Not Recommended by the School Board 0-8-0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-7-0

Estimated Education Tax Impact will be a DECREASE as follows:
If Article passes - Atkinson: ($1.39) Danville: ($2.98) Plaistow: ($2.18) Sandown: ($2.47) per $1,000
If Article fails - Atkinson: ($0.28) Danville: ($0.61) Plaistow: ($0.45) Sandown: ($0.51) per $1,000

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

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 1~~ **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.

12. The Timberlane Regional School District shall provide transportation for all pupils ~~grades 1~~ **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)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

Article 4 – 2.5% Tax Cap on Operating Budget by Petition

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) vote to establish a committee to study the feasibility and impact of RSA 32:5-b, and implementing a tax cap whereby the governing body and budget committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 2.5%. (THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5 – Lease Purchase Agreement by Petition (Advisory Only)
Shall the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) vote to rescind and terminate the March 14, 2023 adoption of Article-3 Lease Purchase Agreement of $25,243,000 as authorized by TRSD. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 6 – Lease Purchase Agreement by Petition (Advisory Only)
Shall the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) vote to raise and appropriate $2,061,000.00 as voted on March 14, 2023 in Article-3 until all prior lease expenditure amounts, including principal, interest, and prepayment penalties, are paid in full, and furthermore, vote to no longer appropriate for any future phasing as relates to the March 14, 2023 adoption of Article-3 Lease Purchase Agreement of $25,234,000.000. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 7 – Fund Balance Retention by Petition
Shall the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) vote to rescind the March 14, 2023 adoption of Article-15 Fund Balance Retention of 5% as authorized by TRSD. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 8 – 3 Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Custodians' Union)
Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Custodians' Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal year	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Estimated Increase	$138,189	$69,332	$71,168
3-Year Total			**$278,689**

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **$138,189** for the 2025-26 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0

Estimated Education Tax Impact will be an INCREASE as follows:
Atkinson: $0.019 Danville: $0.042 Plaistow: $0.030 Sandown: $0.035 per $1,000

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 9 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items
Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 10 – 3 Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Cafeteria Workers' Union)
Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Cafeteria Workers' Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal year	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Estimated Increase	$4,798	$5,805	$6,419
3-Year Total			**$17,022**

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **$4,798** for the 2025-26 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0

Estimated Education Tax Impact will be an INCREASE as follows:
Atkinson: $0.0007 Danville: $0.0014 Plaistow: $0.0011 Sandown: $0.0012 per $1,000

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 11 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items
Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 12 – General Acceptance of Reports
Shall the voters of the School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2024 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 13 – Capital Reserve Fund by Surplus
Shall the voters of the School District raise and appropriate up to **$250,000** to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996, with such amount to be transferred from those funds in the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2024-2025 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by additional taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

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