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ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DANVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

Kathleen Lancaster
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

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 **$89,120,265**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **$89,585,373**, 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)
Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-2-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 3 – Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Teachers' Association)
Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Teachers' Association 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	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Estimated Increase	$2,427,107	$1,799,324	$1,949,771
3–Year Total			**$6,176,202**

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **$2,427,107** for the 2024-25 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 7-0-2
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 4 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items
Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 5 – 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, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2023-2024 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 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 6 – General Acceptance of Reports
Shall the voters of the School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2023 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0

YES ◯
NO ◯

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 7 – Amendment to Administrators Union CBA
To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the amendment to the previously approved 2023-2026 collective bargaining agreement between the Timberlane Regional School Board and Timberlane Administrators' Union (Teamsters Local Union #633), which calls for the following increases and decreases in salaries and benefits over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year at current staffing levels under the previously approved agreement:

Fiscal Year	2024-25	2025-26
Estimated Increase	$60,000	($30,000)
2–Year Total		**$30,000**

No appropriation necessary in this Article because the funding for these increases is part of the operating budget in Article 2. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

Article 8 – Amendment to CBA for Technology Staff
To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the amendment to the previously approved 2023-2026 collective bargaining agreement between the Timberlane Regional School Board and Teamsters Local Union #633 (Administrative Assistants/Secretaries and Skilled Maintenance Employees), which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year at current staffing levels under the previously approved agreement:

Fiscal Year	2024-25	2025-26
Estimated Increase	$28,471	$25,891
2–Year Total		**$54,362**

and further to raise and appropriate **$28,471** for the 2025 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the amendment to the 2023-2026 collective bargaining agreement over the costs that would be paid at current staffing levels under the previously approved agreement.

[Note: This article concerns the costs associated with the amendment to the previously approved 2023-2026 collective bargaining agreement, which was negotiated because the NH Public Employee Labor Relations Board added IT employees to this bargaining unit.] (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0

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 9-0-0

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

Article 10 - Tax Impact Statement by Petition
To see if the Timberlane Regional School District will vote to accept RSA 32:5 which will allow the inclusion of the estimated tax impact per town as part of the warrant article and to be included on the ballot. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT