



**Timberlane Regional Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting

October 10, 2024

7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:03 PM by Liz Kosta

Roll Call taken by Heather Greenfield

Present: Liz Kosta, Karen White, Lauren Schlerf, Katie Knutsen, Julie Hammond, Kristi Auclair, Kathryn Consalvo, Sierra Dolce

Not in Attendance: Sue Sherman (excused), Sabrina Alberg

Administrators Present: Justin Krieger – Superintendent, Maria Watkins – Business Administrator/CFO, Lisa Oliver – Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Katie Knutsen motioned to accept the meeting minutes of September 26, 2024.

Seconded by Karen White

Motion passed: 6-0-2 (Julie Hammond, Sabrina Alberg abstained)

Liz paraphrases the correspondence that the budget committee has received from community members.

Liz discusses that each of the budgets will be accepted for review until all have been presented and they have a bottom number and then they will go through the budgets line by line and have discussions with the responsible party. Liz talks about how herself and the rest of the committee understand the hardships within the community right now. They are all trying to do the best that they can for our taxpayers and our children.



DELEGATES AND INDIVIDUALS - None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Maria speaks about the report tallying budgets that have been presented so far. She reminds the committee that these are only operating expenses and does not include personnel. She will also continue to update the assumptions numbers if we should receive anything else to be included.

Liz asks about the health insurance rates and whether we have received them yet, Maria explains that we have received two out of three of the rates and that the plans offered to the district are changing.

Justin attended the BOS meeting in Sandown this past week. He spoke to the budget process, district priorities, and unpacked the districts unassigned fund balance.

Justin's intent is to bring staffing needs to the Budget Committee late November or early December. He updated that 13 professional positions were repurposed last year and are currently all filled. They are still working to review all of the vacant positions to see if any reductions can be made.

Justin closes with a conversation about NH state education funding. Currently NH ranks 50th in state education funding per pupil across the nation but is in the top quartile in costs per pupil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIP is looking to come to terms with what the CIP items will be this year. Conflicts about what will be in CIP vs Lease. Belfry grant to be determined in November. A lot of discussion on the high school bathroom renovations.

NEW BUSINESS

Atkinson Academy Budget Presentation – Steve HARRISES

Steve presents the budget for Atkinson Academy, FY26 proposed is \$114,092, compared at the FY24 actual of \$98,220. A reduction of \$385 when compared to the FY 25 budget of \$114,477.

MOTION: Karen White motioned to accept the FY26 proposed Atkinson Academy budget of \$114,092 for review and consideration. Seconded by Katie Knutsen.

Motion passed: 8-0-0



Danville Elementary Budget Presentation – Chris Snyder

Chris presents the budget for Danville Elementary, FY26 proposed is \$83,114, compared to the FY25 voted budget of \$96,316, reflecting a (\$13,202) decrease. And in alignment with FY 24 actuals of \$92,427.

MOTION: Karen White motioned to accept the FY26 proposed Danville Elementary budget of \$83,114 for review and consideration. Seconded by Katie Knutsen.

Motion passed: 8-0-0

Pollard Elementary Budget Presentation – Mary Sullivan

Mary presents the FY26 proposed Pollard Elementary budget of \$129,027, the variance from the FY25 voted budget being (\$1,590). The main budget drivers being professional development, transportation, new and replacement equipment, and books and info resources.

MOTION: Karen White motioned to accept the FY26 proposed Pollard Elementary budget of \$129,027 for review and consideration. Seconded by Katie Knutsen.

Motion passed: 8-0-0

Sandown North Budget Presentation – Laura Yacek

Laura presents the FY26 proposed Sandown North budget of \$88,170, the variance from FY25 voted budget being (\$28,126). Equitable costs and needs vs wants were really a highlight of the conversations regarding budget proposals this year. Laura highlights the main budget drivers being professional development, information access, and equipment costs.

MOTION: Karen White motioned to accept the FY26 proposed Sandown North budget of \$88,170 for review and consideration. Seconded by Katie Knutsen.

Motion passed: 8-0-0

Sandown Central (TLC) Budget Presentation

Kim presents the FY26 proposed TLC budget of \$88,170, the variance from the FY 25 voted being (\$28,126). Kim highlights the main budget drivers being supplies, maintenance, and new equipment. Kim recognizes Lisa for bringing grant money to her attention that she was able to use for playground equipment that allowed her to use other monies to purchase chairs.



MOTION: Karen White motioned to accept the FY26 proposed TLC budget of \$88,170 for review and consideration. Seconded by Katie Knutsen.

Motion passed: 8-0-0

REVIEW AND ADOPTIONS OF BYLAWS

Liz begins a discussion regarding the timing of the Organizational Meeting in the bylaws. Discussion ensues about what changing the date will look like.

MOTION: Katie Knutsen motioned to amend the bylaws under section I and add C to read “The annual Organizational Meeting shall be held on or before May 1st”. Seconded by Karen White.

Motion passed: 8-0-0

Adjournment – Liz Kosta at 8:09 PM