



TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 30, 2023

7:00 PM

Call to Order

7:24 PM

Roll Call taken by Kerrie Ward

Present: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Sierra Dolce, Julie Hammond, Liz Kosta, Sabrina Alberg, Karen White, Mark Sherwood

Not in Attendance: Kristi Auclair, Kathryn Consalvo

Administrators Present: Maria Watkins, CFO/Business Administrator, Lisa Oliver, Asst Business Administrator

Liz Kosta motions to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 22, 2022

Julie Hammond seconds the motion.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 22, 2022

6-0-2

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Julie Hammond, Liz Kosta, Karen White, Mark Sherwood

Abstained: Sierra Dolce, Sabrina Alberg

Mark Sherwood motions to approve the Public Hearing minutes from January 12, 2023



Julie Hammond seconds the motion.

Motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2023

5-0-3

In Favor: Julie Hammond, Liz Kosta, Karen White, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce

Abstained: Sabrina Alberg, Michael Mascola, Sue Sherman

Liz Kosta motions to approve the Post Public Hearing minutes from January 12, 2023

Sierra Dolce seconds the motion.

Motion to approve the Post Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2023

5-0-3

In Favor: Julie Hammond, Liz Kosta, Karen White, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce

Abstained: Sabrina Alberg, Michael Mascola, Sue Sherman

Sierra Dolce motions to approve the Supplemental Public Hearing minutes from January 26, 2023

Karen White seconds the motion.

Motion to approve the Supplemental Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2023

6-0-2

In Favor: Julie Hammond, Liz Kosta, Karen White, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce, Michael Mascola

Abstained: Sabrina Alberg, Sue Sherman

Correspondence – None

Delegates and Individuals – None



Administrative Report -Assistant Superintendent Justin Krieger

As of July 1, 2023 TRSD will have two key administrative positions to be filled. The first being the Sandown North Principal, the second being the Early Childhood Coordinator for Sandown Central. Justin Krieger updates the committee on the strategic plan timeline. Spring sports are now in full swing, the students are currently in tryouts. TTA negotiations are upcoming and accentuates the importance of this contract.

Maria Watkins adds that the district has received the GAP rate coming in at 4.6% instead of 10.8% the district was expecting. Maria has initiated the process for the lease and options the district has for obtaining the lease. Maria Explains what the lease phases, and payments will look like.

Reports of Committees – None

New Business

Sue Sherman initiates a discussion on the 2023 election results. The voters passed all 16 warrant articles this year. Maria Watkins thanks the voters for their support.

Maria Watkins reviews the agenda packet with the approved budget of \$86,796,915. This budget will support the operations and initiatives of the district. Maria reiterates if the committee has any questions on the budget to please reach out to herself, Lisa Oliver, or Kerrie Ward.

Maria Watkins initiates a discussion on the *Tax Rate Trend Report*. The committee emphasizes that there is no true way to calculate the tax rate, Maria can only put together projections based on knowledge and assumptions. Michael Mascola suggests putting out a link on website for a press release on tax rates from the SAU. The committee agrees that putting out up a link on the district website would be beneficial for the public.

Sue Sherman initiates a discussion with the committee on the meeting schedule. Michael Mascola asks the committee to consider if the department's budget is +/- a certain dollar amount they would not need to come and present to the committee. Sue Sherman adds that last season the final number was shocking after hearing the budget presentations and only having one meeting to vote on the budget. Maria Watkins states that she agrees with Michael Mascola's idea of not having level funded budgets present to the committee. Sue Sherman states that she feels that all principals and directors should present to the committee.



The committee agrees on having the principals and directors present new initiatives, needs, and major budget drivers, instead of a line-by-line budget presentation. The committee also agrees on adding an additional meeting to the season to have more deliberation time on the final budget number. The business office will work out when the extra meeting day will be with Sue and send it out to the committee in the next week.

Other Business:

The committee decided to move the facility tours start time to 6:00pm. Mark Sherwood suggests having the SAU office reach out to the town's selectman to advertise the facility tours.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM by Sue Sherman

Minutes submitted by: Kerrie Ward

The meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/255893/video/815470267>