



TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2023

7:00 PM

Sue Sherman, Chair

Michael Mascola, Vice Chair

Call to Order

7:11 PM

Roll Call taken by Heather Greenfield

Present: Sue Sherman, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta, Julie Hammond, Karen White, Kristi Auclair

Not in Attendance: Mark Sherwood, Michael Mascola, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg

Administrators Present: Maria Watkins Business Administrator/CFO, Justin Krieger Interim Superintendent

Julie Hammond - Lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Liz Kosta motions to approves the minutes from November 21, 2023.

Sierra Dolce seconds the motion.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 21, 2023

4-0-2

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Julie Hammond, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta

Abstained: Kristi Auclair, Karen White

Correspondence – None

Delegates and Individuals – None



Administrative Report – Justin Krieger

Justin shared that there is a standing Student, Staff and Family share at the beginning of the School Board Meetings, and they have been hearing wonderful feedback on happenings around the district. Justin attended the music event held at the PAC on Sunday. Upcoming dates: Public Hearing Jan. 11th, Deliberative Session Feb. 8th, and District Voting Day on March 12th.

Reports of Committees –

Sue also attended the music event on Sunday. Described as an amazing, festive event for the community to attend.

New Business – 2.5 million in Budget Adjustments

Justin Krieger starts a discussion on the philosophy that was used to come to these decisions. The three things they looked at were safety, connection and belonging, and learning for kids.

Series in blue- it is the district's determination that these items would not have an adverse impact on safety, connection and belonging, or learning. These adjustments were based off looking at actuals over the last few years, changes to state laws and practice, and redundancy in some of these items in other areas of the budget.

Capital Improvement- Justin discusses that you can make an argument that these adjustments do not have a direct impact on safety, connection and belonging, and learning because these are projected numbers.

Justin moves on to the next item which is the phone system and intercom upgrades at the schools.

Next in terms of priority is the instructional materials and information resources which will have a direct connection to learning.

Lastly are the new positions that were proposed during the budget presentations. These include the ESOL, Social Workers, and Campus Security positions. This cut will have an impact to safety, connection and belonging, and learning since this adjustment is linked to people.



Kristi Auclair asks a clarifying question about if this means that we are completely cutting the phone system and intercom upgrades.

Karen starts a discussion regarding the positions and if or which to cut and asks about giving 50% as opposed to the full 100%.

Sierra asks a clarifying question regarding the school funding for base adequacy.

Sierra asks about the Materials and Info Resources. Justin explains that this is the newest of those materials that they wanted to be able to provide for our teachers and students.

Julie asks for clarification on CIP projects and the impact of reducing the capital improvement line.

Sierra wants to remind everyone that we still need to think about the people at home that these decisions are impacting.

Sue and Kristi agree that they are comfortable cutting the capital improvement line.

Liz motions to put \$130k back into the proposed budget for the Door Intercom and Backend Phone System upgrades.

Karen White seconds the motion.

Motion to accept putting \$130k back into the Proposed Budget for Door Intercom and Backend Phone System Upgrades:

6-0-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Karen White, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta, Kristi Auclair, Julie Hammond

Liz motions to add \$100k back into the Proposed Budget for the Elementary and Secondary Books and Info Resources.

Sue seconds the motion.

Motion to accept adding \$100k back into the Proposed Budget for Elementary and Secondary Books and Info Resources:

6-0-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Karen White, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta, Kristi Auclair, Julie Hammond



Sierra makes a motion to cut the new positions adjustment in half to \$225k.

Kristi seconds the motion.

Karen clarifies that it will be a \$225k decrease to the proposed budget as opposed to the \$450k.

Motion to accept putting \$225k back into the proposed budget for New Positions:

6-0-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Karen White, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta, Kristi Auclair, Julie Hammond

Kristi makes a motion to accept the decrease of \$2,045,000.00 to the proposed budget.

Karen seconds the motion.

Motion to accept the \$2,045,000.00 decrease to the proposed budget:

5-1-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Karen White, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta, Kristi Auclair

Opposed: Julie Hammond

Other Business:

Liz and Kristi wanted to thank Justin and Maria for doing this as they understand that this was a difficult task.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM by Sue Sherman

Minutes submitted by: Heather Greenfield

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Below is the \$2.5 million prioritized list of budget adjustments as requested by the Budget Committee:

Program/Account	Account	Decrease	Category Total
Regular Program Transportation	100.2721.519.01.33.4.00000	\$40,000.00	
Special Education Transportation	100.2722.519.60.33.4.00000	\$143,000.00	
ESY Transportation	100.2722.519.62.33.4.00000	\$50,000.00	
Athletic Transportation MS	100.2724.519.04.50.2.00000	\$15,000.00	
Athletic Transportation HS	100.2724.519.04.60.3.00000	\$30,000.00	
Special Education - ES private tuition	100.1200.564.60.15.1.00000	\$84,000.00	
Special Education - HS private tuition	100.1200.564.60.17.3.00000	\$858,000.00	
Special Education - MS tuition LEA general	100.1200.561.60.16.2.00000	\$50,000.00	
TTA Professional Staff Coverage	100.1100.112.00.33.0.00000	\$50,000.00	\$1,320,000.00
Capital Improvement	100.4600.450.12.33.4.00000	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
District Backend Phone System Upgrade	100.1100.738.11.33.4.00000	\$75,000.00	
Door Intercom Upgrades At Schools	100.1100.738.11.33.4.00000	\$55,000.00	\$130,000.00
Elementary Books and Info Resources - Math / Science	100.2340.640.01.35.4.00000	\$70,000.00	
Secondary Books and Info Resources - Math / Science	100.2340.640.01.37.4.00000	\$30,000.00	\$100,000.00
New Positions		\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
Total		\$2,500,000.00	