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**Timberlane Regional School Board
Meeting Minutes**

**Non-Public Session
July 20, 2023
8:19 PM**

**Superintendent's Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH**

Board Members Present: Katie Knutsen, Kim McCormick, Mark Sherwood, Paul LeCain, Brienna Woodworth, Donald Woodworth, Jack Sapia

Excused Absence: Kristin Savage, Shauna Manthorn

Administrators Present:

Justin Krieger, Interim Superintendent
Sandra Allaire, Acting Assistant Superintendent
Maria Watkins, CFO/Business Administrator
Fran DeCinto, Director of Human Resources

MOTION: Mrs. Woodworth motioned to enter non-public under 91-A:3, Paragraph II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Mrs. McCormick Motion passed 7-0-0

The Board was polled:

D. Woodworth – yes Knutsen – yes Sherwood – yes McCormick – yes LeCain – yes
Sapia – yes B. Woodworth- yes

Motion passed 7-0-0 to enter non-public at 8:20 PM.

8:20 PM Non-Public Session Commences:

Dr. Kim Farah addressed the Board and discussed the \$25 million lease. The Board had a discussion with her regarding Sandown Central and Sandown North. Dr. Farah explained the importance of providing guidance to the Committee.

Dr. Farah and Mrs. Watkins discussed Adequacy Building Aid and the deadline to submit an application.

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(Dr. Farah left the meeting at 8:50)

Mrs. Watkins informed the Board they received a little more than \$1 million in additional adequacy aid. The School Board will need to schedule a special meeting in August for a Public Hearing to accept the additional adequacy aid. She recommends having two years to use it.

Mrs. Woodworth questioned whether some of that money could be used toward a one-time sign on bonus for teachers and the Board had a discussion on this.

(Mrs. Watkins left the meeting at 9:05)

Mr. Krieger informed the Board of RSA 193:3 Change of School or Assignment. This RSA allows a family to make a request to the Superintendent to allow a student to attend another school within the school district or to attend another school in the state, which would be determined to be in the student's best interest. He discussed a request he received and granted approval for a student to attend another NH school. There was discussion among the Board on this process.

MOTION: Mrs. Woodworth motioned to approve the tuition payment in the best interest case determined with the Epping School District for this academic year. Seconded by Mrs. McCormick Motion passed: 7-0-0

The Board had a discussion on the RFP that was to be posted for grass cutting within the school district.

The Board discussed whether they support full day kindergarten.

Mr. Sapia discussed some options for providing help with grounds maintenance.

(Mr. Krieger and Mrs. Allaire left the meeting at 9:35)

Mrs. Knutsen updated the Board on the ongoing investigation and discussed this with the Board.

The School Board discussed additional stipends for Mr. Krieger and Mrs. Allaire. Mrs. Knutsen stated it was suggested for Mr. Krieger to receive \$8,000 and Mrs. Allaire to receive \$5,000 for the time period of July 1st through September 15th.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to grant Mr. Krieger an \$8,000 stipend and to grant Mrs. Allaire a \$5,000 stipend for the time period of July 1, 2023 through September 15, 2023 at which point at the end we will come back and evaluate. Seconded by Mrs. Woodworth Motion passed: 7-0-0

MOTION: Mr. LeCain motioned to seal the non-public minutes; seconded by Mrs. McCormick Motion passed 7-0-0.

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MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to adjourn the non-public meeting. Seconded by: Mrs. Woodworth Motion passed 7-0-0

The Board was polled:

Mrs. Woodworth - yes Mr. LeCain – yes Knutsen – yes Mr. Sapia - yes McCormick – yes
Sherwood – yes Mr. Woodworth

The motion carried 7-0-0 and the Board adjourned the non-public session at 9:50 PM .

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mahoney
Recording Secretary

Approved by the School Board and unsealed on August 17, 2023.