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Timberlane Regional School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting
March 5, 2026
7:00 PM

Superintendent's Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Board Members Present

Marianne Springer, Brienna Woodworth, Mark Sherwood, Shauna Manthorn,
Katie Knutsen, Don Woodworth, Jack Sapia, Alyssa Kowalczyk

Excused Absence: Paul LeCain, Cameron Stack

Seated at the Board Table

Justin Krieger, Superintendent
Sandra Allaire, Assistant Superintendent
Ginger Drechsel, Director of Student Services

Administrators Present

Danielle Foley, TRHS Assistant Principal

Mrs. Knutsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Springer motioned to approve the public hearing minutes of 2/17/26, 2/18/26, 2/19/26, 2/20/26. Seconded by Mr. Kowalczyk Motion passed: 7-0-1 (Sherwood abstained)

MOTION: Mrs. Kowalczyk motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of 2/19/26. Seconded by Mrs. Manthorn Motion passed: 8-0-0

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MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to approve the non-public meeting minutes of 2/19/26. Seconded by Mr. Sapia Motion passed: 8-0-0

STUDENT, STAFF & FAMILY SHARE

Danielle Foley, an Assistant Principal at Timberlane Regional High School announced the fundraiser Project Hope Fashion Show will be held this Saturday at 6:00 pm in the high school gymnasium. She also talked about the events planned for Mental Health Awareness Week at the high school. On Monday, April 20th, from 10:30 am to 1:15 pm, they will have a Career Expo. It is intended to be more of an inspirational fair with the idea of helping give students something to hope for and pursue after they graduate high school. A Wellness Fair will be held after school on that Wednesday. They have a lot of great events scheduled for that week. They hope that all of the events will bring some positivity into the life of not only students but the rest of the people in the community. She shared two flyers with the Board members.

Ms. Foley also stated they will be offering an SAT Prep Course after school from 2:30-3:30 twice a week up until the SAT's at the end of March. She mentioned they are discussing different incentives to motivate the kids to take the test. Some feel they don't need to take it because some colleges aren't requiring it, however, if they have an SAT score in their transcript, the college will take that score into consideration. They will look at it.

The Board thanked her for coming in and sharing.

DELEGATES & INDIVIDUALS

Mrs. Springer read a prepared statement on behalf of Nola Whitman of Danville who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Whitman wishes to inform the Board of two Right to Know requests she will be submitting. She is requesting all donations since January 2024 to present, to be listed by donor, total dollar amount and the purpose of the gift/donation. She believes that any small contribution is greatly appreciated by all and should be acknowledged.

Ms. Nolan's second request is to have a breakdown of the over 200 extra-curricular activities offered for student participation. She would like it broken down into categories of athletics, student government/academia, music/theater, and other. She would like to know the name of the different groups, number of participants, number of facility advisors for the individual groups and the stipend amount. She is curious to know how much of the budget dollars are used to support the extras.

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MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to move the remaining 27 minutes to the end of the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Manthorn. Motion passed: 8-0-0

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Cameron Stack was unable to attend this evening. Mr. Krieger stated the one thing Cam wanted to emphasize is the Strut for a Cause on Saturday night that Ms. Foley had mentioned.

CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Krieger presented this request on behalf of Mr. Pedersen. The proposal seeks approval for a two-day, one-night hiking trip for ten high school students to Crawford Notch Park. This trip is organized in partnership with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). It will provide students with an immersive outdoor education experience focused on leadership, teamwork, and environmental awareness. He reviewed the itinerary. Mr. Krieger explained this trip is fully grant-funded through the AMC. A previous grant from the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project will cover transportation expenses. All students will borrow appropriate hiking equipment from AMC to ensure safety and preparedness. There is no cost to the District or students.

MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to approve the overnight field trip request from May 30-31 for the purpose of hiking Crawford Notch State Park. Seconded by Mrs. Woodworth Motion passed: 8-0-0

B. Student Services Budget Transfer

Mrs. Drechsel is requesting three budget transfers from the accounts she detailed in her Executive Summary. The reason for this request is because the high school out of district and elementary out of district tuition lines were underfunded this year. The available funds in the middle school out of district tuition budget line is not needed for middle school tuition and needs to be moved to offset the deficit in the other two budget lines.

Mrs. Drechsel also explained the special education contract services budget line is underfunded this year in relation to our contractual obligations. The funds available in the psychological contracted services line need to be moved to the special education contracted services line to help offset that overage.

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MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to approve those budget transfers in the amounts and accounts specified in the Special Education budget transfer request dated March 5, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Woodworth Motion passed: 8-0-0

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Krieger reconfirmed the spending and hiring freeze is still in place. He is going to write a letter to the Commissioner and cite RSA 32:11 about asking for authority to expend additional or unanticipated revenue that we receive this year to offset some of the special education costs. He stated they have \$200,000 of additional revenue that he wants to ask the Commissioner for authority to spend. That would help some of the bottom line budget numbers. He and Mrs. Drechsel will start looking at potential students who may qualify for Special Education Aid in fiscal year 2027 which may have been unanticipated for us this year.

Mr. Krieger also plans to speak with the Board of Selectmen and Town Managers in the four towns about how important it is, from now through July, that the towns are on time with their apportionment. He asked if the Board members could help with this in their communities with that communication. It would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Krieger will be having a conference with First Student. We have the ability to go for two additional years. He will report back on where that stands.

He provided an update on House Bill 751 Open Enrollment. He had shared with the Board a letter on the risks of statewide open enrollment. Due to that letter, the house bill is delayed. He will be writing a letter to the governor and encourages the board members to think about doing the same. The deadline for that is March 10th. He has directed Mrs. Watkins to do some calculations on our behalf about what the cost would be to Timberlane if 1% of our student body opted for open enrollment, or 3% or 5%. He will bring those numbers back to the Board and share them with the State.

He updated the Board on the first week with the new Facility Director, Marc Brander. He said it has been a great week with Marc and they are happy to have him here.

Mr. Krieger informed the Board that the students who wanted to host a school board candidate's night were unable to pull it together in time and are hoping to hold it next year.

They had 150 fifth grade students at the middle school last night playing Dodgeball. The gym was packed. It took a lot of work to pull that off and he thanked the administration team.

He will be meeting with Senator Gannon on April 3rd. He represents the towns of Sandown and Danville. They will be meeting with other regional superintendents to talk about some of the key education bills coming up in the next spring session.

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After the vote on Tuesday, he will be looking to work with the administration team on aligning the 2027 budget and mentioned he would like it if any board members wanted to participate in that work with the team. He will send them the calendar they are going to develop. They have until March 30th to submit a line item budget.

Mrs. Allaire informed the Board of the upcoming PD Day on March 10th and she shared highlights of what their staff will be doing that day.

Mrs. Drechsel informed the Board there is a lot of work going on in the district planning and preparing for student transitions. There is really good, important work that is being done and the dedication of our teachers, school counselors and social workers, are making sure that they are creating meaningful opportunities for our kids as they move from building to building.

She spoke about the PAGS audit and things are moving along. They are still in the first 90 days of the audit and they are preparing a lot of documentation and working with the DOE to provide them with the information they need around the deadline of April 6th. A parent response virtual session will be scheduled for mid-May.

Mrs. Drechsel recognized Dawn Roberson's work with the Special Olympics Unified Basketball team who took first place this year up in the Lakes Region.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Woodworth – There were a couple of great meetings this week. Curriculum and Assessment met and the Policy Committee is moving forward with things. He also spoke about the Dodgeball game and said Mr. Mencis did a great job.

Mr. Sapia – There will be a Facilities Meeting on March 11th and they will be meeting with the architects on the envelope of the building project. He also attended the Dodgeball game and was amazed at all the fun and excitement. He spoke about the importance of culture.

Mrs. Manthorn – Talked about the Unified basketball game and the team winning first place. She gave a shout out to coaches Dawn Roberson and Jenna Richards.

Mrs. Springer – Curriculum and Assessment met this week and she was impressed with them incorporating logic and rhetoric into an existing course.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sapia referred to Mr. Krieger talking about when the Budget Committee starts and he is hoping that the administration can facilitate maybe a meeting or two during the summertime because that's when everyone isn't all that busy. That is when they could be looking at some of

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a few platforms as it speaks to budgeting for our facilities so when they get into the heart of the budget, that's all crunching numbers. Maybe they could get everyone together to look at things that potentially are outside of the box that are creative.

Mrs. Springer reminded the Board at the last meeting she mentioned about the logistics and procedures of the Deliberative Session. She asked if anybody has heard anything from the community about that and, if so, send it her way. She has started putting something together on things she has heard and hopes to bring that back at a future meeting.

Mrs. Knutsen wished the Board members who are running for re-election to the Board good luck and hopes to see them all back at the next meeting.

There was no further public business.

MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to enter non-public under RSA 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 Mr. Sherwood Motion passed 8-0-0

The Board was polled:

D. Woodworth – yes Springer – yes Sapia - yes Manthorn - yes B. Woodworth – yes
Knutsen – yes Kowalczyk – yes Sherwood – yes

The Board entered non-public session at 8:05 PM.

The Board returned to public session at 8:51 PM to seal the minutes and adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. Manthorn motioned to seal the non-public minutes of 3/5/26. Seconded by Mr. Sapia Motion passed: 8-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mahoney
Recording Secretary

Approved by the School Board on March 19, 2026