

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Public Hearing
October 7, 2021
7:03PM

Performing Arts Center
40 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Chairman Farah opened the October 7th, 2021 Public Hearing at 7:03PM, took roll call and then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present

Brian Boyle, Kimberly Farah, Steven Finnegan, Amy Gentile, Barbara Kiszka, Katie Knutsen, Sheila Lowes, and Shawn O'Neil

Seated at the Board Table

Dr. Brian Cochrane, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Christopher Kellan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider an increase of appropriations due to the State providing additional adequacy funding in the amount of \$991,392.94.

Dr. Farah the Special Warrant in its entirety:

To the inhabitants of the school districts in the town of Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs, you're hereby notified to meet at the Timberlane Regional High School, 36 Greenough Road, Plaistow, NH on Thursday the 21st day of October at 7:00PM. This special meeting is held pursuant to RSA 197:3A and shall consist of explanation, discussion, debate and voting on Warrant Article One to appropriate additional adequacy funding from the state.

At this special meeting, Warrant Article One may be amended subject to the following limitations: The legislative body may approve or disapprove the proposed increase of appropriations but shall not approve greater reductions than what is in the warrant; or reduce or rescind an appropriation not specified in the warrant at the meeting. The supervisors of the checklist of the member towns shall use the most recently updated checklists of registered voters for this special meeting.

The article is as follows:

Additional state adequacy funding non-lapsing appropriation: Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District vote to appropriate \$991,392.94 for the purpose of buildings and grounds maintenance and improvements. Said sum, available due to statutory changes resulting in an increase in state adequacy payments. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, paragraph 6 and will not lapse until the buildings and grounds maintenance and improvement projects are complete, or by July 1, 2024, whichever is sooner.

The school board will vote at the end to recommend this article or to not recommend and a majority vote of the voters is required to pass this article.

Mr. O'Neil asked if the Board has identified the specific project this will be used for. Dr. Farah indicated that in

this week's agenda packet, there were a list of high priority projects in the Executive Summary provided by Facilities and further, there was more specific information in the CIP.

Mrs. Kiszka pointed out that the Performance contract and resulting energy savings will allow these dollars to go further and get more projects done.

Nolan Pelletier, of Plaistow, asked where the information could be found relative to the projects the Board wishes to use this money on. There were some handouts provided for those who wanted them.

Mrs. Kiszka asked about the tax impact should the voters not wish to approve this appropriation. Dr. Farah stated that she had asked Mrs. Watkins to prepare the document based on a \$300K home. Mr. Boyle asked if the warrant article is rejected, if Timberlane just would not get the money, Dr. Farah stated that counsel stated that the money would go back to the voters, but she is not sure how. If the voters vote this warrant article down, the money will not be able to used for capital projects as no means no.

After people had some time to review that document, Dr. Farah asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Lancaster
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board on 10/21/21.