

**TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Emergency Meeting
December 10, 2021
2:36PM**

**SAU 106 Board Room
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH**

Call to Order

Chairman Farah opened the December 10th, 2021 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 2:36PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed roll call.

Board Members Present

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

Seated at the Board Table

Dr. Brian Cochrane, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Christopher Kellan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

SAFETY ISSUES AT BOARD MEETINGS (02:00:53)

Vice-Chair Savage spoke: So, again, the one item on the agenda is addressing safety issues at board meetings. It's a matter of moving forward and figuring out how to properly conduct our meetings so that we as a board can get business done; where we can address the issues at hand, get business done, and allow the public to speak. We encourage the public to speak. We just need to figure out a way to do that that is timely so that our agendas can move forward expeditiously and in the manner that we need to and allow that balance. So, we have Delegates & Individuals. We all feel that Delegates & Individuals should continue. It's something we want to do but we feel there's potentially a better way to handle it and by keeping that timeframe manageable for all of us.

MOTION: Mr. Finnegan motioned to set aside 30 minutes at the beginning of every meeting for Delegates & Individuals; seconded by Mr. O'Neil. The motion passed 8-0-0.

It will be the order of business at the meetings to take any action with regard to students that are invited by the board to hear them first, later followed by Delegates & Individuals.

The order for how Delegates & Individuals will be chosen will be random and shuffled. The Board asks that the public turn in their request to speak in early to give the secretary as much time as possible to perform that task.

Comments will be limited to three minutes per individual and where we now have a 30-minute timeframe, the Board asks people to be cognizant of that and to limit their speaking as much as possible to allow for as many speakers as possible within those 30 minutes.

The Board asks everyone to be courteous and be cognizant that it's a public meeting being watched by our community, and our children.

The Board also reminds the public that this is a session for you to speak and you to be heard. It is not a situation where it's a back and forth with dialogue or discussion. The Board hears your comments. They consider the comments but "we do not discuss or take action on any of the comments that are brought forth at Delegates & Individuals at that time".

Lastly, I would just say that if you feel that you're not heard, or if we have so many speakers that you can't be heard in that 30-minute window, that you either email the board directly or an alternative is to contact the Assistant Superintendent Chris Kellan. Let him know your concerns if he has enough individuals or interest in a certain topic, he will try to have public forums so that these issues can be addressed, and people can be heard.

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Farah adjourned the meeting at 2:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Lancaster
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board on 1/6/22.