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## TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Special Meeting**  
**September 28, 2021**  
**7:01PM**

**Performing Arts Center**  
**40 Greenough Road**  
**Plaistow, NH**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Farah called the September 28, 2021 special meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board to order at 7:01PM, took roll call and then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Board Members Present**

Brian Boyle, Kimberly Farah, Steven Finnegan, Barbara Kiszka, Sheila Lowes and Shawn O’Neil

### **Seated at the Board Table**

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Consalvo (Atkinson), Susan Sherman (Plaistow), Mark Sherwood (Sandown), Marissa Brown (Sandown), Todd McCormick (Danville), Julian Kiszka (Plaistow), Kristi Auclair (Danville) and Julie Hammond (Atkinson)

### **CURRENT BUSINESS (00:06:29)**

The purpose of this special meeting is to, essentially, call a special meeting. The Board recently learned that the NH legislature amended the adequacy laws over the summer in a way that increased the district’s adequacy aid by \$991,392.94 from the state. We have been informed by the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue Administration that we need to hold a special meeting of the legislative body in order to appropriate that money.

The Board cannot spend this money without holding a special school district meeting appropriate the funds. The Board and the Administration have identified a significant number of important projects that need to be completed over the next few years, including significant deferred maintenance, window and roof replacement, bathroom renovations, pavement, boiler, and HVAC system work that needs to be completed. The additional adequacy funding, along with the ESSER grant funds we are receiving from the federal government will allow us to begin working on these projects immediately. The Board and the Administration will be working in the coming weeks to develop a plan to allocate these funds. In the meantime, we have been advised to begin the process of holding a special meeting prior to the setting of the tax rate in early November in order to receive the additional adequacy funding from the state.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Mrs. Kiszka motioned to call a special meeting of the legislative body of the Timberlane Regional School District pursuant to RSA 197:3-a on October 21, 2021 for the purpose of appropriating additional adequacy funding from the state, and to elect to deliberate and vote in a single session during that special meeting in accordance to RSA 197:3-a, 1; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion passed 6-0-0.</b>
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Mr. O’Neil questioned how this works in an SB2 environment. Dr. Farah stated this will combine the Deliberative and the vote in one session and that is allowed in this special meeting. The public hearing would happen on October 7<sup>th</sup>,2021 and the deliberative and the vote would happen on October 21st, 2021. The logistics of that are still being worked out. Ballot boxes, hand votes, written votes, etc. are all being considered. The Board would also need to be prepared should someone move to amend the warrant article. Counsel is expected to be present on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, meeting. The vote will take place likely at the PAC/HS and not in each of the towns.

The Board then discussed a warrant article for the public hearing.

**Title: The additional state adequacy, non-lasting appropriation**

**Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District vote to appropriate the sum of \$991,392.94 for the purpose of buildings and grounds maintenance and improvements. Said funds, available due to statutory changes resulting in an increase in state adequacy payments pursuant to RSA 198:41. 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 improvements projects are complete, or by or by July 1, 2024, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)**

Mr. O’Neil then stated that he would like to use this legislative meeting as a free way to find out what the voters think of the mask mandate policy. He thinks it is a good olive branch to both sides to see what parents think as opposed to the nine-member board. This would be advisory only. Mrs. Kiszka mentioned the vote would be skewed due to number of people that cannot attend in person.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Mr. O’Neil motioned to add a warrant article to the ballot with the title of: SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT OF MASK MANDATE DECISION To see if the voters of the district support the School Board’s decision to implement a mask mandate within the Timberlane Regional School District; seconded by Mrs. Kiszka. The motion failed 3-3-0. (Finnegan, Farah &amp; Lowes opposed.)</b>
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With no other business before the board, Chairman Farah adjourned the meeting at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Lancaster  
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board on 10/7/21.