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**TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Special Meeting Following Supplemental Hearing on
Budget Appropriations
January 25, 2018
10:00PM**

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

Call to Order

Chairman Boyle opened this January 25, 2018 Timberlane Regional School Board special meeting at 10:00pm.

Board Members Present

Peter Bealo, Brian Boyle, Stefanie Dube, Kimberly Farah, Donna Green, Gregory Spero and Susan Sherman.
Absent: Dan Guide and Kelly Ward.

Seated at the Board Table

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools

WARRANT ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS

The board took recommendation action on each of the warrant articles as follows:

Article 2 – Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$71,759,415? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$71,370,606 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Timberlane Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: Warrant Article 2 (the operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

ON VOTE TO RECOMMEND: 3-4-0 (Dr. Farah, Chairman Boyle, and Mr. Spero in favor of recommending and Mr. Bealo, Mrs. Dube, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Sherman opposed.)

The warrant article recommendation will read: Not recommended by the School Board 4-3-0

Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$250,000 to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996, with such amount to be transferred from those funds in the June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2017-2018 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

ON VOTE TO RECOMMEND: 4-3-0 (Mr. Bealo, Chairman Boyle, Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Spero in favor of recommending and Mrs. Dube, Mrs. Green and Dr. Farah opposed.)

The warrant article recommendation will read: Recommended by the School Board 4-3-0

Article 4 – Appoint Agents of the Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District appoint the Timberlane Regional School Board as agents to expend from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1996? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

ON VOTE TO RECOMMEND: 4-2-1 (Mr. Bealo, Chairman Boyle, Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Spero in favor of recommending and Mrs. Dube and Mrs. Green opposed and Dr. Farah abstained.)

The warrant article recommendation will read: Recommended by the School Board 4-2-1

Article 5 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2017 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

ON VOTE TO RECOMMEND: 6-1-0 (Mr. Bealo, Chairman Boyle, Mrs. Dube, Dr. Farah, Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Spero in favor of recommending and Mrs. Green opposed.)

The warrant article recommendation will read: Recommended by the School Board 6-1-0

Article 6 – Artificial Turf by Petition of John Sapia et al

Shall the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800,000 for the purpose of increasing athletic player safety and decreasing district operating costs by professionally installing an artificial turf surface to an existing sports playing field with a projected savings that will pay back this investment within 5 years? This will be a multi-purpose field supporting a host of district sports. It shall be made available for a fee to outside parties when not in use by the district, for the purpose of generating additional revenue to further offset costs and shorten the time to maximize return on investment. Payments will be spread out over a term of eight years at a maximum interest rate not to exceed 4.75 percent and shall be installed during the budget year. (3/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

ON VOTE TO RECOMMEND: 4-2-1 (Mrs. Dube, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Spero in favor of recommending and Mr. Bealo and Chairman Boyle opposed and Dr. Farah abstained.)

The warrant article recommendation will read: Recommended by the School Board 4-2-1

MOTION: Mr. Bealo motioned to finalize the warrant for deliberative session; seconded by Dr. Farah. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Board members then applied their signatures to the MS-DS form reflecting a default budget of \$71,370,606, and to the warrant article signature page.

MOTION: Dr. Farah motioned to request a special meeting of the SAU Board for the purposes of holding a public hearing on Mrs. Green’s complaint against the SAU; seconded by Mrs. Dube.

Discussion ensued on making efforts to resolve the matter with no further expense to the taxpayer, the NHDOE order to compel the SAU Board to hold a public hearing, Mrs. Green’s non-commitment to drop her case if a public hearing is held, and a timeframe to hold the public hearing.

MOTION TO AMEND: Dr. Farah motioned to amend the motion by adding the public hearing be held no later than March 9th; seconded by Chairman Boyle. The motion to amend passed 5-2-0 (Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Bealo opposed.)

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: The motion as amended passed 5-2-0 (Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Bealo opposed.)

Discussion ensued on transportation bids and the timeframe requested to review them prior to board bid action scheduled for the February 1st board meeting, on requests that the transportation consultant, the transportation coordinator and the business operations coordinator be present at the February 1st meeting, on transportation bids being under legal review to address discreet issues relating to hidden costs and liability, the rescheduling of the bid action item to address complications of a potentially underfunded default budget, the need to understand the recent increases to the special education budget, and including bus complaints in board packets.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Belcher
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board on February 1, 2018.