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TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Budget Meeting
November 30, 2017
5:30PM

TRHS Library
36 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Chairman Boyle opened this November 30, 2017 Timberlane Regional School Board special budget meeting at 5:30pm.

Board Members Present

Peter Bealo, Brian Boyle, Stefanie Dube (5:41pm), Kimberly Farah, Donna Green, Dan Guide, Susan Sherman, Gregory Spero and Kelly Ward.

Seated at the Board Table

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Bryan Lavoie, Student Representative

Administrators Present

Listed on last page

Chairman Boyle announced the purpose of this special meeting is for the board to review and address draft 2 of the proposed 2018-19 budget. Public comment will be allowed at the end of the board's discussion if time permits. He then spoke on the numerous emails he and other board members have received, both for and against budget cuts, the board's consensus in lowering the budget (a statement which was contested by other board members), the process in meeting with the Superintendent to look at different ways to reduce the budget, the budget committee's action in following the lead of the school board, and the rationale for using \$67.2million as the starting point of developing the budget. He went over the historical process of budget drafts going back and forth between the school board and the budget committee, the first draft budget numbers, cuts generated by administration, the need for the school board to review those cuts, and his appreciation of the administration's efforts in working together.

He spoke about there being a number of ways to reduce the budget, the actual costs as well as projecting costs two years out, eliminating and combining positions mostly through attrition, social media not being a source for accurate information, and letting elected officials do their jobs.

Mrs. Dube entered the meeting at 5:41pm.

Chairman Boyle announced the vision for tonight's meeting is to look at the draft budget and talk about next steps in the process; that discussion will include going over the proposed cuts.

Dr. Metzler reported on meeting with the school board chairman about the budget process, the time spent on its development, working smart and spreading cuts across the board (equal dissatisfaction), his concern on some of the items slated for cut, staffing specifics that are not available until the spring, the number of budget drafts typically produced during the budget process, superintendent's goals, and looking at actual expenditures as a starting point in developing the budget.

Chairman Boyle noted a budget goal of under \$70million, there being no unlimited resources available, and that the school district is 90% funded through local taxation.

Discussion ensued on the methodology used to calculate the budget, \$72.8 being most realistic based on

spending and obligations without sacrifice to services, the retirement notification process and history of waiving the January 1st deadline, reorganizing staff in the event of cuts and the notification deadline as prescribed by law, unemployment benefits (district self-insured), tuition cuts, transportation cuts, the availability of detailed information regarding those cuts, CIP projects slated for cuts specifically the fiber project and potential grant money, recommendation from the budget committee to place the fiber project on the ballot as a separate warrant article as well as other options (appliance agreement), placing high value on staffing and people and the risks associated with publicizing staff reorganization plans too early (moral, culture and climate), and legal advice received by the school board chairman on the rights of staff members in specific positions (written advice forthcoming).

Chairman Boyle spoke on the need for long term investments to Timberlane facilities within the next couple of years and his plan to earn the voter's confidence to support a bond in the next year or year and a half.

Discussion ensued on supporting the district, working to keep painful budget cuts limited, and increasing the draft 2 budget by \$1million.

MOTION: Mrs. Sherman motioned to direct the Superintendent and Business Administrator to produce a third draft budget of \$70,599,955; seconded by Mr. Spero.

Comments were shared on the second draft budget of \$69,599,955 being acceptable as is and wanting to see a proposed budget less than last year's expenditures plus contracts and obligations.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Bealo motioned to amend the motion to direct the Superintendent and Business Administrator to produce a third draft budget of \$72,800,000; seconded by Mr. Guide. The motion failed 3-5-1 (Mr. Bealo, Mr. Ward and Mr. Guide in favor and Mrs. Sherman abstained).

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: The motion passed 5-4-0 (Mrs. Green, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Guide and Mrs. Dube opposed).

Chairman Boyle then opened the meeting to public comment.

TTA President Ryan Richman indicated he would share his prepared comments at the upcoming budget committee meeting and then yielded his comment time to the many students in attendance, but first noted the school board was sent a petition signed by 400 stakeholders rejecting drastic cuts in funding education.

TSSU President Laurie Herchenroder also yielded her comment time to students in attendance.

Swim team co-captain Lindsay Whittaker spoke of her and her teammates' experiences on the swim team emphasizing the importance of maintaining funding for the program.

Board comments were made relative to the \$5.5million dollar cut represented actually being only \$2million, and assurances there were be no cuts to any athletic programs, as well as concerns about the accuracy of and ability to carry out those comments.

MOTION: Mr. Ward motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Spero. The motion passed by general consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Belcher
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board on December 21, 2017.

Administrators Present at the Meeting:

Mrs. Sandra Allaire, Academic Dean of World Language
Ms. Michelle Auger, Principal at Pollard School
Mrs. Nancy Barcelos, Principal at Danville Elementary
Mr. Doug Blay, Assistant Principal at Pollard School
Ms. Lorin Caffelle, Special Education Administrator at TRMS
Ms. Rebecca Carlson, Dean of Math
Mr. Barry Chooljian, Director of Guidance
Mrs. Lucy Canotas, Assistant Principal at Danville Elementary
Mrs. Kathie Dayotis, Principal of Atkinson Academy
Mrs. Christine Desrochers, Curriculum Coordinator at TRMS
Atty. Geoff Dowd, Business Administrator
Mr. Angelo Fantasia, Director of Athletics
Mr. Michael Flynn, Principal of TRMS
Mr. Tom Geary, III, Business Operations Coordinator
Mrs. JoAnn Georgian, Principal of Sandown North Elementary
Mr. Ken Henderson, Director of Technology
Mrs. Sandra Hodgkins, Transportation Coordinator
Mr. Jim Hughes, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Marilyn Hutnick, Assistant Principal for Grade 6 at TRMS
Mrs. Patrice Liff, Assistant Principal at Atkinson Academy
Ms. Nancy Louiselle, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Kathy McKechnie, Director of Preschool
Mr. Mitchell Mencis, Assistant Principal for Grade 8 at TRMS
Mrs. Christi Michaud, Director of Data, Assessment and Accountability
Mrs. Jennifer Michitson, Academic Dean of Enrichment, Freshman Academy, Reading and RTI
Mrs. Carol Mrowka, Assistant Principal for Grade 7 at TRMS
Mr. Rodney Mills, District Facilities Supervisor
Mrs. Lois Paul, Coordinator of Technology Integration
Mr. Mark Pedersen, Academic Dean of Science
Mrs. Jennifer Puchlopek, Academic Dean of English and Language Arts
Mrs. Susan Rasicot, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Nash Reddy, Special Ed Chair, TRHS
Mrs. Beth Rincon, Director of Special Education
Ms. Heather Roy, Assistant Principal of Student Services and Facilities
Mr. Brian Shawley, Assistant Principal at Pollard School
Mrs. Nancy Stafford, Assistant Principal at Sandown North Elementary
Mr. Scott Strainege, Assistant Principal of Operations at TRHS
Mrs. Mary Widman, Assistant Principal of Academics at TRHS
Mr. Don Woodworth, Principal of TRHS
Mr. Ryan Richman, President of the Timberlane Teachers Association
Mrs. Jennifer Toth, Vice President of the Timberlane Teachers Association