

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Board Meeting
January 14, 2016
8:20 PM

Timberlane Performing Arts Center
40 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Board members present: Peter Bealo, Rob Collins (participating electronically), Donna Green, Jack Sapia, Gregory Spero, Sue Sherman, Nancy Steenson and Kelly Ward. Absent: Rick Blair

Administrators present: Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools

Madam Chair Steenson called to order this special meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board at 8:20pm.

Electronic Participation

Madam Chair announced that board member Rob Collins was not able to attend this meeting or the public hearing on the budget due to work obligations but was requesting to participate in this special meeting via teleconference.

MOTION: Mr. Sapia motioned to allow Rob Collins to participate in the meeting via conference call; seconded by Mr. Ward. With no further discussion, the motion passed 6-1-0 (Green opposed).

Madam Chair then contacted Mr. Collins using a cell phone and then placed the call on speakerphone for all board members to hear. Mr. Collins indicated he was traveling home from Boston in his car and had no passengers.

Warrant Article Recommendations

Madam Chair then polled the board on each of the warrant articles presented at public hearing and asked for a show of hands for recommendations in the affirmative for each.

Article 2 - 2016-17 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 \$69,333,958? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$70,108,969 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)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-1 (Green abstained)

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, 2016 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2015-2016 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0 (Green opposed)

Article 4 - TTA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Teachers Association and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Estimated Increase	\$611,032	\$633,573	\$724,684

3-Year Total \$1,969,289

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$611,032 for the 2016-17 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

Article 5 - Special Meeting

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? (Without this Article the District would have to petition Superior Court for a Special School District Meeting. This saves the District the expense of attorney fees and court costs). (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

Article 6 - Danville Elementary School Fire Suppression Sprinkler System

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$503,000 for the installation of a fire suppression sprinkler system in the Danville Elementary School. \$250,000 would come from the 2015/2016 budget. The additional \$503,000 would be raised and appropriated from taxes. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Total Project Cost:	\$753,000
Amount to be expended from 2015/2016:	- \$250,000
Amount to be raised by taxation in 2016/2017:	\$503,000

Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0 (Green opposed)

Article 7 - TRMS Renovation Study

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$30,000 to be used to study improvements to the educational experience of the students utilizing the 21 classrooms at Timberlane Regional Middle School that currently have no windows or skylights. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 2-6-0 (Collins and Steenson in favor)*

*This recommendation will be reflected on the warrant as Not Recommended by the School Board 6-2-0 for clarification purposes.

Article 8 - General Reports

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2015 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

The board took no recommendation action on the citizen's petition regarding the private funding of full-time kindergarten.

School District Clerk

The board was presented with a letter of interest from Atkinson resident Nancy Louiselle concerning filling the vacant school district clerk position. The vacancy has been advertised for over one year with no interest.

MOTION: Mr. Ward motioned to appoint Nancy Louiselle to the position of School District Clerk; seconded by Mr. Sapia.

Discussion: The board discussed options for increasing the pay to attract more candidates. Concern was raised over the vacancy being filled by an employee of the SAU as well as the expectation of the transcription of minutes for the Deliberative Session. The board also noted the option of appointing another candidate at the annual organizational meeting should they wish to do so.

With no further discussion, the motion passed 6-1-1 (Green opposed, Collins abstained).

With no other business before the board, Madam Chair Steenson adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Belcher
Recording Clerk

Approved by the School Board on January 21, 2016.