

## TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Work Session**  
**November 19, 2015**  
**6:30 PM**

**Superintendent's Office**  
**30 Greenough Road**  
**Plaistow, NH**

### **Board Members Present**

Peter Bealo, Rick Blair, Rob Collins, Donna Green, Jack Sapia, Susan Sherman, Gregory Spero, Nancy Steenson, and Kelly Ward (7:00pm).

### **Administrators Present**

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools

The board met from 6:30pm -7:30pm for a work session to review proposed warrant articles for the 2016 district warrant.

### Proposal #1

Change language in Articles of Agreement from:

The Timberlane Regional School District shall be responsible for the public education of grades 1 through 12. Pupils in the pre-existing districts shall be assigned by the Regional Board to attend the elementary schools in the preexisting districts in which they reside for no less than the first five years of formal schooling. Resident parents or guardians may voluntarily request that their elementary student(s) be assigned to another in-district public elementary school on an annual basis as long as seats are available and that no additional costs (transportation, etc.) be incurred by the School District. The Regional School Board may assign pupils to a school other than one in the pre-existing district in which they reside for the purpose of special education not available in the pre-existing district. Grades 6 through 12 may be maintained in central schools within the Cooperative District.

To read:

The Timberlane Regional School District shall be responsible for the public education of grades 1 Kindergarten through 12. Pupils in the pre-existing districts shall be assigned by the Regional Board to attend the elementary schools in the preexisting districts in which they reside for no less than the first five years of formal schooling starting with Kindergarten. Resident parents or guardians may voluntarily request that their elementary student(s) be assigned to another in-district public elementary school on an annual basis as long as seats are available and that no additional costs (transportation, etc.) be incurred by the School District. The Regional School Board may assign pupils to a school other than one in the pre-existing district in which they reside for the purpose of special education not available in the pre-existing district. Grades 6 through 12 may be maintained in central schools within the Cooperative District.

As the author of this proposal, Mr. Collins indicated the proposed article does two things; it clarifies public education in Timberlane as grades kindergarten through 12 and allows for the relocation of 5th graders to the middle school should the need rise in the future. Much discussion ensued relative to members' philosophy about 5th graders going to middle school as well as changing the language in the article to reflect the first six years of formal schooling instead of five years as currently stated. No action was taken on this proposal. Board members will take time to think about this article before further consideration.

### Proposal #2

Change Article 5 and 6 from:

5. The operating expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned on the average daily membership of pupils residing in each pre-existing district of the cooperative school district during the second preceding fiscal year as determined by the State Department of Education.

6. The capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission.

To read:

5. The operating expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned 90% based on the average daily membership of pupils residing in each pre-existing district of the cooperative school district during the second preceding fiscal year as determined by the State Department of Education and 10% based on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission.

6. The capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission.

OR

5. The operating expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned 95% based on the average daily membership of pupils residing in each pre-existing district of the cooperative school district during the second preceding fiscal year as determined by the State Department of Education and 5% based on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission.

6. The capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission.

As the author of this proposal, Mr. Collins provided a comparison of other cooperative school districts and the methodology used for funding operational and capital expenditures - ADM and EVP percentages. Although ADM seems the most fair, it would have tremendous negative impact on the towns of Danville and Sandown. He offered several different taxation models including floating models that could be adjusted on an annual basis. After much discussion that included involving district select boards in this process, the board, by general consensus, agreed to form a committee to look at alternative taxation formula options. Board members willing to serve on this committee included Mr. Collins, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Sherman, and Mr. Spero. It was also agreed that that proposals numbered 2 and 3 would be removed from the proposed warrant article list for 2016.

Proposals numbered 4 through 9 will be discussed at the November 24th joint meeting with the Budget Committee as they are project related.

This work session ended at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Belcher  
Recording Clerk

Approved by the School Board on January 7, 2016.