

Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee
Timberland Regional School Board
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Public Hearing on the 2013-14 Proposed Budget
January 10, 2013

Timberlane Performing Arts Center
Plaistow, NH

Mrs. O'Neil, the Budget Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Committee roll call was taken.

Present: Mr. Barczak, Mr. Francoeur, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lisi, Mrs. O'Neil – chair, Ms. Rochford, Mrs. Rothwell, and Mr. Spero. Absent: Mr. Weymouth

School Board roll call was taken.

Present: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Barczak, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mrs. Steenson, and Mrs. Withee

Timberlane Administrators participating: Dr. Metzler, Superintendent and Mr. Stokinger, Business Administrator.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mrs. O'Neil, chair, reviewed the agenda for the evening and noted that the agenda and documents are posted on the Timberlane web site, www.timberlane.net under School Board documents for 2012-13.

Mrs. O'Neil read aloud the warrant articles down to article # 3.

First Session – Deliberative session to be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Performing Arts Center.

Second Session – Voting to be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at town election polls.

Article #1- Election of officers – openings for School Board and Budget Committee members

Article #2 Operating Budget for 2013-2014

Mrs. O'Neil read the article and then gave a power point presentation which gave an overview of the 2013-2014 budget. Mrs. O'Neil described the major budget drivers in the proposed budget and explained that the majority of the increases are required or contractual and are also included in the default budget. The proposed budget for 2013-2014 is \$64,272,418 with a default budget of \$64,418,761.

Article #3 Capital Reserve Fund

School Board Chair, Mr. Collins read aloud article #3.

Article #4 Collective Bargaining Agreement

School Board Chair, Mr. Collins read aloud article #4.

Article #5 Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

School Board Chair, Mr. Collins read aloud article #5.

Article #6 Fund Balance Retention (Surplus)

School Board Chair, Mr. Collins read aloud article #6.

Article #7 General Acceptance of Reports

School Board Chair, Mr. Collins read aloud article #7.

Article #8 SAU Budget As Separate Warrant Article – Petition by Donna Green et al
Budget Committee Chair, Mrs. O’Neil read aloud article #8.

Mrs. Green spoke to this citizen’s petition. She explained that the purpose is to allow Timberlane and Hampstead voters the opportunity to approve the SAU budget as a separate budget. The budget would then need to be passed by both Hampstead and Timberlane. If it doesn’t pass, the default budget would be adopted. Mr. Collins clarified that per the RSA, the SAU budget would not need each district’s approval, just majority vote. Mr. Mascola added that currently there is a public hearing held for the SAU budget. This gives voters the opportunity to question the budget.

Len Mullen, district resident, asked if the board considers input from citizens when making decisions. Mr. Mascola responded that the board does take into account input from citizens.

Nancy Steenson asked what percent of the SAU budget is non-negotiable. Mrs. O’Neil gave figures for the salaries and operating budget and also said that the SAU website has more details.

Mrs. O’Neil listed the vacancies for both the Timberlane School Board and Timberlane Budget Committees. Residents may file for candidacy at the Superintendent’s Office, 30 Greenough Road, Plaistow on Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Wednesday, January 23 to Friday, February 1st. The office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 1st.

Mrs. Kosta made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Rochford to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,


Lucy Williams
Secretary Pro Tem