

**Timberlane Regional School Board and Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee**  
**Public Hearings on Proposed 2012-13 Budget and Bond (WA #2)**  
**Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown, New Hampshire**

Public Hearing on 2012-13 Proposed School District Budget  
Public Hearing on Bond - Warrant Article #2  
January 12, 2012

Timberlane Performing Arts Center  
Plaistow, NH

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mrs. O'Neil, Budget Committee Chair, called the public hearing on the 2012-13 Proposed School District Budget to order at 7:00 p.m. She then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Present Budget Committee Members: Ms. Rochford, Mr. Spero, Mrs. O'Neil, Ms. Conte, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Chaput and Mrs. Lisi.

Present School Board Members: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson (7:08pm) and Mrs. Withee. Absent: Mr. Baldwin.

Timberlane Administrators participating: Superintendent Richard LaSalle and Business Administrator George Stokinger.

Madam Chair O'Neil reviewed the agenda for the evening and explained that since there is a bond article on the warrant, there will be a second public hearing immediately following this budget public hearing specifically for that purpose.

She then proceeded to read aloud the official warrant down to article number 2 as follows:

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Towns of Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, Greenough Road, Plaistow, New Hampshire, on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012, at 7:00 p.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 2 through number 7. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting)**

Voting on warrant articles number 1 through number 7 will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voting to be held on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, at the Town election polls in Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown, New Hampshire.

Atkinson	Voting will be conducted at the Atkinson Community Center from 7:30am-8pm
Danville	Voting will be conducted at the Danville Fire Association Hall from 8am-7pm
Plaistow	Voting will be conducted at Pollard School from 7am-8pm
Sandown	Voting will be conducted at the Sandown Town Hall from 8am-8pm

**Article 1 - Election of Officers (March 13<sup>th</sup> only)**

To choose the following school district officers:

Atkinson Voters	School Board Member	3-Year Term
Plaistow Voters	School Board Member	3-Year Term

Sandown Voters	School Board Member	3-Year Term
Atkinson Voters	Budget Committee Member	2-Year Term
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Danville Voters	Budget Committee Member	2-Year Term
Plaistow Voters	Budget Committee Member	1-Year Term
Plaistow Voters	Budget Committee Member	2-Year Term
Plaistow Voters	Budget Committee Member	3-Year Term
Sandown Voters	Budget Committee Member	3-Year Term

Mr. LaSalle read aloud Article 2 as follows and stated a full explanation of this article will be presented during the bond hearing immediately following the budget hearing:

*Article 2 – High School Physical Education/Athletic Locker Rooms, Team Rooms and Mini Gym Renovation and Reconstruction Project/5-Year Bond*

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800,000 for the renovation and reconstruction of the Timberlane Regional High School Physical Education/Athletic Locker Rooms, Team Rooms and Mini Gym and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,800,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the District to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to further raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$82,000 for the first year’s interest payment on the bond? (3/5 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Madam Chair O’Neil read aloud Article 3 as follows:

*Article 3 – Operating Budget*

Shall 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 \$62,821,817? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$62,568,852 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 3 (the operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

She then presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the process of developing the proposed budget stating initial requests were made by the principals, directors and administrators. Then in a collaboration of effort by Administration, the School Board and Budget Committee, many levels of cuts were made. 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 the 2012-13 school year is \$62,821,817 with a default budget of \$62,568,852. She noted items not covered by the default budget are repairs and renovations, textbooks and supplies, staff reductions and equipment.

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. There were none.

School Board Chair, Mrs. Aubrey read aloud Article 4 as follows:

*Article 4 – Capital Reserve Fund*

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$200,000 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 the June 30, 2012 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED) (The funds for this article come from the 2011-2012 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes.)

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. There were none.

School Board Chair, Mrs. Aubrey read aloud Article 5 as follows:

*Article 5 – Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Teachers’ Association)*

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District approve the cost items included in a one-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Teachers’ Association and the Timberlane Regional School Board which calls for a \$0 increase in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels

Year 2012-2013 \$0 estimated increase

and to further raise and appropriate no funds for the upcoming fiscal year such sum representing the fact that there are \$0 in additional costs attributable to increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in the current fiscal year?

She noted this is a one-year agreement with no additional costs to the District. The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. There were none.

School Board Chair, Mrs. Aubrey read aloud Article 6 as follows:

*Article 6 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items*

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)(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).

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. There were none.

School Board Chair, Mrs. Aubrey read aloud Article 7 as follows:

*Article 7 – General Acceptance of Reports*

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2011 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. There were none.

Madam Chair O’Neil reminded everyone all public hearing documents are available on the District web site and then urged taxpayers to attend the Deliberative Session on Thursday February 9, 2012 at the PAC at 7:00 p.m. with a snow date of Friday, February 10, 2012.

Mrs. Lisi made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Rochford to adjourn this public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the public hearing on the 2012-13 Proposed School District Budget ended at 7:16 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BOND – WARRANT ARTICLE #2**

School Board Chair Lori Aubrey then called to order the public hearing on Warrant Article #2 relative to the Physical Education/Athletic Locker Rooms/Mini-Gym Renovation and Reconstruction bond at 7:17 pm. Roll call was taken.

Present School Board Members: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Bealo, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kosta, Mr. Mascola, Mr. Porcelli, Mrs. Steenson and Mrs. Withee. Absent School Board Members: Mr. Baldwin.

Madam Chair Aubrey then read aloud Article # 2 as follows:

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Mr. La Salle presented a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the project including the statement of purpose, instructional, athletic and community benefits, existing conditions (maintenance, safety, equality, functional and efficiency issues), the proposed plan and its phases with overall costs and tax impacts to each of the four District towns.

In his presentation he gave specifics to the problems with the facility relative to storage, instructional space and Title 9 compliancy and noted the project is consistent with the long-term plan to repurpose the high school into a middle school. Also noted were issues of mold, poor insulation, wall cracking, poor shower design and conditions, narrow hallways, insufficient locker space, noncompliance with ADA standards, inadequate bathrooms and issues related to electric, plumbing, construction and snow loads.

He then went on to explain the renovation plan, its phasing and use of the two gyms while construction is ongoing. He reviewed the cost comparing a yearly project to a project requiring state aid, and bond interest payments with tax impacts per year. He concluded his presentation acknowledging this is a big request to make of the taxpayers, but that the project is very much needed.

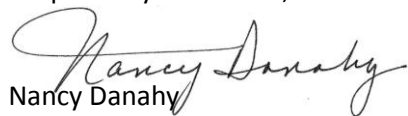
Mr. La Salle announced the Deliberation Session date and time of Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Performing Arts Center.

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. There were none.

With no further business, Madam Chair closed the public hearing on Warrant Article #2 and announced the respective boards would now conduct special meetings independently to made recommendation on each of the warrant articles as presented this evening.

The public hearing ended at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Danahy  
School Board Clerk