

Timberlane Regional School Board

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown
New Hampshire

Public Hearing
January 14, 2010

Performing Arts Center
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

At the Performing Arts Center in Plaistow, NH Mrs. Michelle O'Neil, Budget Committee member called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Budget Committee Roll Call-Kathleen Smith, Clerk

George Murray, Michelle O'Neil and Catherine Rochford

Absent: Charles Balanoff, Brenda Copp, Hardave Dhaliwal and Len Mullen

Timberlane Regional School Board Roll Call- Nancy Danahy Clerk

Arlene Champey, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Kosta, John Paone, Louis Porcelli and Lisa Withee

Absent: Lori Aubrey, William Baldwin and Michael Mascola

Administrators in attendance:

Richard La Salle	Superintendent of Schools
Winfried Feneberg	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
George Stokinger	Business Administrator
Kathleen Smith	Assistant Business Administrator
Nancy Danahy	Director of Human Resources

Michelle O'Neil led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. O'Neil reviewed the presentation agenda noting that the process, budget, default budget and warrant will be reviewed.

Budget Process

Mrs. O'Neil informed the public that the process begins at the building level with Administrators and Directors. The budget is then forwarded to the Superintendent who is the liaison to the School Board and Budget Committee. The School Board and Budget committee then moved the proposed budget in the form of a warrant to the public hearing and deliberative session. The warrant is then presented to the public for their consideration via the voting process.

Mrs. O'Neil then reviewed the budget requests and major drivers to the overall budget; she concluded with the comparison of the proposed budget to the default budget.

Review of the proposed Warrant and 2009-2010 Budget

Mrs. O'Neill then read the following

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 4th day of February 2010, 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 9th day of March, 2010, at the Town election polls in Atkinson,

Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown, New Hampshire. Polls in Danville, Plaistow and Sandown will be open from 8:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m.; the polls in Atkinson will be open from 7:30 a.m. and remain open to 7:30 p.m.

Atkinson Voters Voting will be conducted at the Atkinson Community Center
 Danville Voters Voting will be conducted at the Danville Fire Association Hall
 Plaistow Voters Voting will be conducted at Pollard School
 Sandown Voters Voting will be conducted at the Sandown Town Hall

Article 1 - Election of Officers (March 9th only)

To choose the following school district officers:

Atkinson Voters School Board Member No Vacancy
 Danville 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 Comm. Member No Vacancy
 Danville Voters Budget Comm. Member 3-Year Term
 Plaistow Voters Budget Comm. Member 3-Year Term
 Plaistow Voters Budget Comm. Member 2-Year Term
 Sandown Voters Budget Comm. Member 3-Year Term
 Sandown Voters Budget Comm. Member 2-Year Term

Article 2 – 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 **\$61,764,677**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$61,838,543** 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)

Article Three

Madam Chair Kosta of the Timberlane Regional School Board read articles three, four, five and six;

Mr. La Salle provided clarification of the proposed agreement between Timberlane Teachers Association and the Timberlane Regional School District. He indicated that no financial changes occurs in first year of the contract since that is the 2009-2010 school year. The second and third year of the contract was then reviewed, highlighting the one-time payments in the 2nd year and the increase for professional development in year three.

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to 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:

Cost Distribution

	2010-2011	2011-2012
	Year 2	Year 3
Salaries (step <15 years service)	\$414,184	\$792,444
Longevity	\$6,000	\$87,900
1-Time 2.5% Payment (step >14 years service)	\$256,919	(\$256,919)
*Insurance	(\$173,955)	0
Professional Development	0	\$2,500
FICA	\$51,798	\$47,692
NH State Retirement	\$54,337	\$50,030
TOTAL	\$609,284	\$723,646

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$609,284 for the upcoming 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 in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

** (The cost of the current insurance plan, as required by law, is budgeted in the 2010-11 operating budget. The negotiated contract includes an increase from a ten-dollar to twenty-dollar co-pay and an increase to the teachers' portion of the insurance premium that results in a reduction of health insurance costs by \$173,955 in Year 2 and increased savings to the district in Year 3 as shown above.)*

Note: Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed.

Mr. La Salle concluded his summary by stating the modest contract proposed is in the best interest of the district and teachers.

Article Four

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 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).

Article Five

*Shall the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$100,000** 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, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)*

(The funds for this article come from the 2009-2010 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes.)

Article Six

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 to renovate the kitchen at Atkinson Academy and to authorize the District to withdraw up to the sum of \$225,000 from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

(The funds for this article come from existing money in the District's Capital Reserve Fund, not from additional taxes. This article, therefore, will not increase the 2010 tax rate.)

Mr. La Salle informed the public of the kitchen maintenance history throughout the district. He reviewed the results of the Crabtree report that noted the equipment replacement/repairs suggestions as well as major renovations. He noted the Danville kitchen was renovated in the summer of 2009 and the Atkinson Academy kitchen is now in need of renovations. The problems included the need for additional space and the acoustics since it is a former gym. The next kitchen considered for renovations after Atkinson Academy is the Pollard School. Mr. La Salle clarified the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund currently has a balance of \$400,000 and the renovation to the Atkinson Academy kitchen will come from that resulting in no effect to the tax rate.

Madam Chair Kosta then read Article seven.

Article Seven

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2009 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

She then reminded all district citizens and residents that the annual report will no longer be mailed to district homes, per the approval of the voters last year.

The annual report will be available on the district website at www.timberlane.net and in hard copy format at the Superintendent's office as of January 25, 2010.

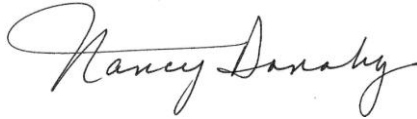
Mrs. O'Neil provided an opportunity for the public to ask questions; none were presented. She reminded the public that the documents of this evening meeting will be posted on the website and the Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 4, 2010 at the Performing Arts Center to begin at 7:00 pm.

She then clarified the Budget committee has performed their due diligence by putting together the best possible budget. They will then present that budget to the citizens at the Deliberative Session and provide a public opportunity for citizens' to make changes.

Other

Having no other business to present Mrs. O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Danahy".

Nancy Danahy
TRSB Clerk