



## TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **Regular Meeting**

March 24, 2022

**7:00 PM**

#### **Call to Order**

**7:34 PM**

#### **Roll Call taken by Kerrie Ward**

**Present:** Todd McCormick, Sue Sherman, Kristi Auclair, Michael Mascola, Kathryn Consalvo, Julie Hammond, Julian Kiszka, Mark Sherwood, Michael Boucher

**Not in Attendance:** Sierra Dolce

**Administrators Present:** Maria Watkins, CFO/Business Administrator, Chris Kellan Superintendent

Todd McCormick addresses that both Mark Sherwood and Michael Boucher are at the meeting, the School Board has not officially decided who the School Board representative will be attending the Budget Committee meetings. Both School Board members are at the meeting observing and interested in being the representative.

#### **Approval of Minutes- December 9, 2021, January 13, 2021 – Public Hearing, and January 13, 2022 – Post Public Hearing**

Michael Mascola makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 9, 2021.

Todd McCormick seconds the motion.

**Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from December 9, 2021**

**6-0-1**

**In Favor: Kristi Auclair, Kathryn Consalvo, Julie Hammond, Julian Kiszka, Todd McCormick, Sue Sherman**

**Abstained: Michael Mascola**



Kristi Auclair makes a motion to accept the Public Hearing meeting minutes from January 13, 2022.

Kathryn Consalvo seconds the motion.

**Motion: To approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes from January 13, 2022**

**4-0-3**

**In Favor: Kristi Auclair, Kathryn Consalvo, Julie Hammond, Todd McCormick**

**Abstained: Michael Mascola, Julian Kiszka, Sue Sherman**

Michael Mascola makes a motion to accept the Post Public Hearing meeting minutes from January 13, 2022.

Todd McCormick seconds the motion.

**Motion: To approve the Post Public Hearing meeting minutes from January 13, 2022**

**4-0-3**

**In Favor: Kristi Auclair, Kathryn Consalvo, Julie Hammond, Todd McCormick**

**Abstained: Michael Mascola, Julian Kiszka, Sue Sherman**

**Correspondence: None**

**Delegations and Individuals: None**

**Administrative Reports:**

Chris Kellan – The district has had great fundraising events going on. Project Hope event raised over \$10,000 for fighting cancer. Atkinson Academy 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade’s readathon raised over \$10,000 for Dartmouth Hitchcock Children’s Hospital. Charlotte Cotti, TRSD’s NH Kid Governor from Pollard School did a sock drive for the homeless and raised over 1,100 pairs of socks. The district is looking for volunteers as the end of the year approaches for field trips and field day activities. The district is in hiring season, we have a number of openings including the HR Director and Assistant Superintendent.



### **Reports of Committees:**

**CIP** - Sue Sherman states that she is hoping Kristi will take over for her as the Budget Committee Representative on the CIP Committee

Kristi Auclair agrees and will now be on the CIP Committee as the Budget Committee Representative and have Julie Hammond as an alternate.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Maria Watkins begins by going over the voting results. There were three CBA articles on the ballot, all three of the CBAs passed and will be added to the operating budget.

Maria reiterates that she is always happy and willing to provide any information the committee needs.

Michael Mascola initiates a discussion on making sure the Budget Committee web site, to make sure all contacts are correct and the contact email for the committee is still active.

Maria Watkins mentions we are waiting for the Town of Sandown to choose a new committee member to fill a vacant spot.

Michael Mascola initiates a discussion on the NH Voucher Program. He suggests reaching out to state reps to update the committee and the community to give information on the program and how it would affect the budget and our community as a whole.

### **Future Agenda:**

Todd McCormick initiates a discussion on the proposed Budget Committee facility tours and presentation schedule. The facility tours are open to the School Board as well as the public.

Mark Sherwood suggests that we formally invite the town selectman to attend the tours to help them have an understand on where the tax money is going in support of our facilities.

Sue Sherman mentions that the School Board used to present at selectman meetings to update the towns on the plans for the district financially and it may be good to have a



Budget Committee member present along side them. She is not sure if this is still the practice of the School Board.

Julian Kiszka adds that when he was a selectman, they would invite members of the School Board to explain warrant articles and what they actually mean when the language was confusing. Julian also mentions that this was strictly informational with no bias to or for the warrant article to give the community the information they need on where their tax money is being spent to make an informed decision when voting.

Julian Kiszka states that there used to be a video that would go out with the town representatives from the selectman or the Budget Committee going through each article and explaining what they are about prior to voting.

Sue Sherman agrees that the video was a very helpful practice.

Julian Kiszka explains that giving people all the information would be beneficial, so they know and understand what's going on in the district.

Todd McCormick states that as the draft schedule stands, the next Budget Committee meeting is set to be September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Michael Mascola states that if we want the community to join in our tours we should meet earlier to get the word out. He is also willing to go before the selectman to notify them of the facility tours

Todd McCormick agrees, and states that him and Kristi Auclair will go before Danville and asks if the other members will go before their town selectman to invite them to the facility tours. Todd also proposes to have a meeting in late August.

The date is set for August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the SAU Boardroom.

Michael Mascola proposes for our next agenda to have a brief refresher and reminder that all Budget Committee reps will go to their town selectman and formally invite them to the facility tours as well at the NH Voucher Program.

A Discussion was initiated on community engagement. In regard to the facilities tours the Budget Committee is looking at making videos showing project the district needs to get done to have available to the community. This way the community can see what they're voting for and what the district is trying to accomplish prior to voting



Todd McCormick confirms the first Budget Committee date will be August 25, 2022.

Sue Sherman states at the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting the committee should review and finalize the presentation schedule and proposes moving around the presenters around to not have the larger budgets in the same night and keep the schools on the same night.

Maria Watkins explains that facilities, curriculum and professional learning's budget depend on the school's budget.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Todd McCormick

**Future Agenda and Dates:**

- a. Tuesday September 6, 2022 – 5:00 p.m., Facilities Tour – Main Campus
- b. Thursday, September 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m., SAU Boardroom
- c. Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – 5:00 p.m., Facilities Tour – Atkinson & Pollard
- d. Thursday, September 22, 2022 – 7:00 p.m., SAU Boardroom
- e. Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m., SAU Boardroom
- f. Thursday, October 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m., SAU Boardroom
- g. Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m., SAU Boardroom
- h. **Tuesday**, November 22, 2022 – 7:00 p.m., SAU Boardroom

Minutes submitted by: Name Kerrie Ward

Approved by: Name

The meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/255893/video/692283694>