



TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 29, 2022

7:00 PM

Call to Order

7:03 PM

Roll Call taken by Kerrie Ward

Present: Kristi Auclair, Kathryn Consalvo, Sierra Dolce, Julie Hammond, Elizabeth Kosta, Todd McCormick, Mark Sherwood

Not in Attendance: Michael Mascola, Karen White, Sue Sherman (excused)

Administrators Present: Christopher Kellan, Superintendent, Maria Watkins, CFO/Business Administrator, Lisa Oliver, Asst Business Administrator

Kristi Auclair- Lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Liz Kosta motions to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 10, 2022

Kathryn Consalvo seconds the motion

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022

3-0-4

In Favor: Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta, Kathryn Consalvo

Abstained: Kristi Auclair, Julie Hammond, Todd McCormick, Mark Sherwood



Administrative Report – Christopher Kellan

There will be a joint school board meeting with the budget committee for a presentation from the commissioner on the voucher program. Timberlane Regional School District music program has 25 students selected for All Eastern.

Reports of Committee

Mark Sherwood shares that 1 out of 7 negotiations have been successful. The board is going into mediation with the TTA and TSSU in two weeks.

Christopher Kellan gives an update on Strategic Planning. The committee has broken into subgroups to reach out to other groups and the community to acquire additional information to form the strategic plan.

New Business

Transportation Presentation – Christopher Kellan

The district received one bid for regular education transportation from First Student, and two bids for both in district and out of district special education transportation from First Student and Durham.

The transportation committee discussed the struggles the district has facing with staffing and equipment shortages. The committee had to make some compromises, but they believe First Student is the best company for the safety of our students. First Student has been consistent and has communicated effectively with our staff with any problems they have encountered.

The overall transportation budget shows an increase for FY2024 in the amount of \$761,005.00.

Mark Sherwood questions why special education transportation has such a large increase between FY2023 and FY2024 in comparison to the regular education FY2023 to FY2024.

Maria Watkins and Christopher Kellan provide clarification on the FY2023 to FY2024 increases for special education and regular education.



Kathryn Consalvo questions which elementary school have athletics?

Kristi Auclair responds that some of the elementary schools have cross country that require buses.

FY2024 Proposed Budget – Maria Watkins

Maria initiates a discussion on the budget process between the proposed budget and the default budget and the breakdown on the numbers that contribute to the overall budget total. The proposed budget is \$82,316,925.00 and shows a total increase of \$6,249,596.00 (8.2%) from FY2023.

The proposed and default budgets have a difference of approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Maria Watkins initiates a discussion on FY2024 Budget Recap.

The administration has been focused on moving expenses where they belong and spending in a way that makes sense to improve our trend and spending analysis.

Todd McCormick notes that if anyone on the committee or in the public wants to go back further to look at budget trends, all the reports are on the budget committee website.

Maria Watkins asks the committee to send any questions they have to herself and Lisa Oliver before the next meeting.

Maria Watkins initiates a discussion on the FY2024 Proposed Revenue Budget

Todd McCormick initiates a discussion on the decrease in lunch reimbursements.

Christopher Kellan adds that the high school principal John Vaccarezza proposed in his budget presentation to add free lunch to the budget which would be a \$3,000,000.00 cost for the district.



Mark Sherwood makes a motion to direct Maria Watkins to add an additional \$1,000,000.00 to the Capital Improvement line.

Liz Kosta seconds the motion.

Motion to direct Maria Watkins to add an additional \$1,000,000.00 to the Capital Improvement line

6-0-1

In Favor: Liz Kosta, Kathryn Consalvo, Kristi Auclair, Julie Hammond, Todd McCormick, Mark Sherwood

Abstained: Sierra Dolce

Other Business: None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM by Todd McCormick

Minutes submitted by: Kerrie Ward