

**TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Public Hearing
January 14, 2021
7:00 PM**

Teleconference via Webinar Link

Call to Order

7:01 PM Chairman Todd McCormick opened the meeting of the Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee Meeting with the reading of the Written Letter from the Governor that states the following:

Check list to ensure meetings are compliant with right to know law during the State of Emergency. As chair of TRSD Budget.Com board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of Covid19 Pandemic in according with governance emergency order #12 pursuant to executive order 2020-04 this public body is authorized to meet electronically. There is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's emergency order. However, in accordance with emergency order, I am confirming that we are:

A: Providing public access to meeting by audio and video utilizing a zoom webinar platform where all members of the board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during the meeting. The public has access to contemporaneously listen and view by logging into www.timberlane.net/zoombudcom.

B: We have given notice to the public of necessary informative for accessing this meeting. This information has been provided along with agenda and posted to the board website. www.timberlane.net.

C: We have provided a phone number for public to alert public body during meeting if there are problems with access. That phone number is (603) 382-6541 extension 3955.

D. We will adjourn the meeting and reschedule if public is unable to access the meeting. Additionally, all votes that are taken during this meeting should be done by roll call vote. We will begin meeting by roll call attendance. When member states presence they must also state if anyone is in the room during this meeting which is required under the Right to Know Law. That concludes.

Roll Call for Budget Committee taken by Jhalise Morales

Present: Kristi Auclair, Peter Bealo, Brian Boyle, Julie Hammond, Michael Mascola, Todd McCormick, Susan Sherman and Phil Sherwood.

Not in Attendance: Steven Finnegan and Cathleen Gorman

Roll Call for School Board taken by Jhalise Morales

Present: Brian Boyle, Lee Dube, Kimberly Farah, Barbrea Kiszka, Sheila Lowes, Sarah Machemer, Kristin Savage, and Jennifer Silva.

Not in Attendance: Shawn O'Neil

Administrators Present: Geoff Dowd, CFO/Business Administrator, Maria Watkins, Business Operations Coordinator & Dr. Brian Cochrane, Interim Superintendent

Phil Sherwood – Lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2021-2022 Operating Budget Proposal:

Todd McCormick presented the Proposed 2021-2022 Operating Budget Appropriations.

Correspondence:

Coral Hampe, 38 Boulder Dr. Danville NH, TTA President-Requests a balanced approach to the budget as Teachers and Staff are the heart and soul of the district.

Dr Kimberly Farah-Based on School Board recommendation, the Superintendent was advised to remove \$2 million dollars from the Budget, why is it included in the Proposed Budget?

Todd McCormick-We found alternative cuts in the budget to fulfil the requested budgetary reduction request without going after staff and programs.

Sarah Scalan, 19 Blindsite Dr. Danville NH, Parent-Spoke to her experience with the FLES program with her children in a positive way. Would like to know what data was supported.

Sarah Macheimer-Curriculum Assessment Committee detailed FLES program and achievement. The Committee did not receive a request for updated data.

Dr. Brian Cochrane: We will work with the Budget. Core instruction is the single most important we have to look at. We are underperforming given our population. There is value in foreign language, my concern is funding these aspects.

Sarah Scalan, 19 Blindsite Dr. Danville NH, Parent-Requests to consider another area of savings.

Rob Collins, Danville NH, Resident- In the past, the Superintendent has been allowed to make decisions.

2021-2022 Default Budget:

Dr. Kimberley Farah presented the Default Budget Overview.

Rob Collins, Danville NH, Resident- Are the School Board Reductions enforced also positions removed by the Budget Committee in the proposed budget? Are you going to keep the funding in the default budget and what is the rationale?

Dr. Kimberley Farah: I am well aware, thank you for your comment. Your comment is noted.

Rob Collins, Danville NH, Resident-Clarified, the next Board is the Board that will make the decisions for program and staffing.

2021-2022 Revenue Budget:

Todd McCormick-Presented Proposed 2021-2022 Revenue Budget.

Articles 3-10:

Dr. Kimberley Farah-Presented Articles 5-10

Other Business:

Geoff Dowd-Deliberative Session will be in the TRHS Gymnasium 7:00pm on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Dr. Kimberley Farah-TRSB will meet on the 21st to finalize the warrant.

Todd McCormick adjourned meeting at 8:56 PM.

Future Agenda and Dates:

Thursday, February 4, 2021 – Deliberative Session - TRHS Gymnasium 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jhalise Morales
Recording Secretary

The meeting can be viewed by following this link:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/255893/video/500698618>

Approved by Budget Committee 02/05/2021