

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

**2019-2020 Budget Season
December 27, 2018
7:02 PM**

**SAU 55
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH**

Call to Order

Chairman Mascola called this December 27, 2018 meeting of the Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee to order at 7:02 PM with the roll call.

Roll Call 7:02 PM

Present: Peter Bealo, Brian Boyle, Alan David, David Gerns, Cathleen Gorman (*arrived 7:06 PM*), Julie Hammond, John Hughes, Michael Mascola, Todd McCormick, Phil Sherwood
Business Administrator – Geoff Dowd

Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance 7:02 PM

Chairman Mascola led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes 7:05 PM

The minutes for the previous two meetings were presented for 12/13/18 and 12/17/18.

7:05 PM

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion to accept the minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting as amended, made by David Gerns, second by John Hughes. The motion passed with (9-0-0).

7:06 PM [00:01:29]

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion to accept the minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting, as amended, made by David Gerns, second by John Hughes. The motion passed (9-0-0).

Ms. Gorman arrived 7:06 PM, after votes.

Correspondence 7:07 PM [00:01:43]

Correspondence was circulated.

Delegations and Individuals 7:07 PM [00:01:54]

There were no delegations.

Administrative Report 7:07 PM [00:01:56]

Budget Chair Update: There was no update as news will be shared as meeting proceeds.

Reports of Committees 7:07 PM [00:02:14]

Budget Committee Members: no updates.

School Board Rep: Brian Boyle reported from the School Board ("SB"): Budget committee proposed approximately \$1M above school board default; school board recommends the budget committee revisit revisiting to get the number closer – lowering \$500K from 2900 line, which based on expenditures and another \$100K out of capital. There was discussion and questions about where the \$500K came from. Mr. Boyle felt confident in running on the default budget \$70.9M. Chairman Mascola called to order and reminded that the

ask was for an update from the school board Rep and proceeded to move the meeting with further discussion later.

Unfinished Business 7:13 PM [00:08:02]

Parking lot – nothing to update.

New Business:

Budget Reviews – Consolidated Budget 7:13 PM [00:08:11]

This is the last meeting to discuss budgetary information.

SAU BUDGET DISCUSSION – Ms. Gorman commented to leave SAU line as is; they will be meeting to generate a budget. The committee reviewed the 2 DRAFT documents in the packet, page 3 of both. There was discussion about not changing until after the hearing. Ms. Gorman initiated discussion about approximately \$5000 on the 12/19/18, and the specifics regarding a formal quorum meeting. Budget Committee will make adjustment at the public hearing meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – 7:25 PM [00:20:33]

Chairman pointed out the “Timberlane Operating Budget – 15 Year History” was created by him, for reference only, not necessarily for discussion (to help with thinking). There was discussion about percentage and increase trends, as well as the difference between proposed and default. Chairman Mascola reminded that he generated this document to view the spread overall as proposed to voters. Mr. David and Mr. McCormick pointed out trends that they noticed and Mr. Boyle reminded the decreases of students to 1000. Mr. Gerns wanted to re-emphasize that the key to making budgets work is the support of the boards. Neither board supported and so made difficult to pass that.

Chairman Mascola reviewed the task of the budget committee – to come up with a recommended budget. The committee came up with \$71.9M; this would need to be presented and sold to voters. He went on to ask the board to keep in mind to ask yourselves ‘do you feel the voters would really support at this number?’

7:36PM [00:30:56]

Mr. Boyle reminded of teachers’ contract; was not on ballot last year. There was discussion about the 2020 default margin where Mr. Dowd explained a few areas including transportation \$488K, contracted and required to provide. He continued to also explain that largely there were adjustments in insurance. Mr. Dowd referred to the consolidation by Function continuing that it articulates the areas of concern. Mr. Bealo mentioned he is in favor of leaving at \$71,933,000. Chairman Mascola led further discussion about the benefits line and other possible areas to cut.

7:54 PM [00:01:29]

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion to reduce line 100.2900.21 by \$100K, made by David Gerns, second by Alan David. The motion passed (9-0-1) with Todd McCormick abstaining.

Discussion about motion: Mr. McCormick, Mr. Boyle and Mr. Sherwood made points regarding previous years’, the default now and overall discussion of the cut. After the vote, Mr. Dowd reiterated now at \$71,833,000 now. The spread is about \$933K now.

Chairman Mascola opened the floor for discussion. There was mention of the CIP at \$500K. Ms. Hammond urged that committee needs to take action to lower the number. Mr. David agreed. Mr. Boyle expressed his confidence in the default budget. Chairman asked Mr. Boyle to elaborate on the votes from SB to support. He recalled approximately 8-1 voted in support on the default number. Mr. Bealo clarified default is the backstop and is done by formula to run the district.

Overall \$71.833 is a decrease from last year and is down by about \$40K.

8:17 PM [01:12:28]

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion to put forth the budget of \$71,833,700 made by Peter Bealo, second by Todd McCormick. The motion failed (5-5-0).

Discussion ensue with Chairman asking what it would take to get a person to move to a majority and urged the proposed budget needs to be closer. Mr. Boyle will not go against the \$71.5M from the school board. Mr. McCormick would like to go down another \$100K and Mr. Sherwood is in favor of cutting, in general. Mr. Bealo would support \$100K but unsure where should come from – operating or capital. Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Bealo agree from operational side.

8:24 PM [01:18:47]

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion to reduce the budget from put forth the budget of \$71,733,700 (decrease by another \$100K) made by David Gerns, second by Todd McCormick. The motion passed (6-4-0).

Other Business:

There was none.

Future Agenda & Dates: 8:27 PM

Budget Committee Meeting Dates:

Thursday, January 10, 2019, 7:00 PM (Public Hearing), @ PAC

Thursday, January 10, 2019, After Public Hearing, @ PAC

Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:00 PM, @ SAU Office

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7:00 PM, TBD

Adjournment 8:28 PM [01:23:03]

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, made by David Gerns, second by Alan David. The motion passed unanimous (10-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah J. Vaira

Approved by the Budget Committee on _____.

This meeting can be watched in its entirety at <https://vimeo.com/album/255893/video/309131265>