

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Organizational Meeting
March 26, 2015
7:00 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

1. Call to Order

Dr. Metzler called this March 26, 2015 Organizational meeting of the Timberlane Regional Budget Committee meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mr. Tony Cantone, Mrs. Kate Delfino, Mr. Lee Dube, Mr. Thomas Geary, Ms. Cathleen Gorman (7:15 p.m.), Mr. Dennis Heffernan, Mr. Joshua Horns, Mrs. Michelle O'Neil and School Board Representative Mr. Rick Blair.

Administrators Present

Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
George Stokinger, Business Administrator

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Metzler led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Distribution of Copies of RSA Chapters 32, 33, and 195 and Committee By-Laws

Mr. Stokinger distributed the most recent copy of the handbooks containing the updated RSA's 32, 33, 195 and 671 as well as the by-laws of the TRSD Budget Committee. Mr. Stokinger noted that a copy of the proposed meeting calendar for 2015-16 will be distributed at the next meeting.

5. Elections

Dr. Metzler welcomed the new committee members and congratulated re-elected members. He thanked all for their willingness to serve. Dr. Metzler spoke of the ongoing plan for developing the budget. He noted that he looks at all areas for potential reductions and that the Budget Committee will help define the work

a. Chair: Dr. Metzler asked for nominations from the floor for the Budget Committee Chair position. Thomas Geary nominated Dennis Heffernan for Budget Committee Chair for 2015-16. Mr. Cantone seconded the nomination of Dennis Heffernan. Having no further nominations from the floor, Dr. Metzler called for a vote in favor of Dennis Heffernan for office of **Chair**. Vote: 7-0-1. Dennis Heffernan abstained and Ms. Gorman not present.

Dr. Metzler yielded the floor to Dennis Heffernan as new Budget Committee Chair.

b. Vice Chair: Chairman Heffernan asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mrs. O'Neil nominated Joshua Horns as Vice-Chair. Mr. Cantone seconded the motion. Having no further nominations from the floor, Chairman Heffernan called for a vote. Vote: 7-0-1. Mr. Horns abstained and Ms. Gorman not present

6. Appointments

a. Recording Secretary: Mr. Stokinger noted that the position of Recording Secretary for the Budget Committee is currently open. He noted that Kathy Smith resigned from the position last year but was kind enough to fill in since a replacement was not found. Mr. Stokinger said he had posted the position last fall and received no interest. He will begin a new search and post the position. Mrs. O'Neil noted that you need to be a resident of the district to fill the position.

b. Others: No other appointments were discussed

7. Review and Adopt By-Laws

Chairman Heffernan opened the floor for discussion of the By-Laws. Mr. Blair noted that he had four changes to the By-Laws that he wished to propose.

1. The first was in Section 2A. He would like to change the wording to say the Committee will hold 2 meetings per month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from October to January.

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to amend the wording in Section 2A to say that the Budget Committee meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from October through January. Mrs. O'Neil seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0.

2. Mr. Blair noted he would like to strike the clause ..."shall not meet during the months of May through August." This would allow meetings to be held if necessary.

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to amend the wording in Section 2A to strike the clause ..."shall not meet during the months of May through August." Mrs. O'Neil seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0.

3. Mr. Blair would like to amend Section XI that reads that the Committee be given 15 days' notice if a meeting has to be rescheduled if By Laws are to be discussed. He would like to change it to 14 days notice. This would allow the meeting to be scheduled on a regularly scheduled meeting two weeks later.

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to amend Section XI to state 14 days' notice of a discussion of By Laws rather than the current 15 days notice. Ms. Gorman seconded.

Discussion: Ms. Gorman questioned if 14 days was still too many. Committee member felt it was adequate. Mr. Dube questioned if there were any RSAs that require a certain number of days. Mr. Stokinger noted he saw no problem with the change.

With no further discussion, the motion passed 9-0-0.

4. Mr. Blair would like to amend Section 3 regarding having 3 members needed to call a special meeting to 5 members.

MOTION: Mr. Blair motioned to amend Section 3 to state 5 members would be needed to call a special meeting. Ms. Gorman seconded.

Discussion: Mrs. O'Neil stated that this clause was used at a Deliberative Session where 3 members were present. Mr. Blair noted that changing it to 5 members gives more representation. Since there are 3 members from Plaistow, current wording would allow one town to call a special meeting. Mr. Cantone noted he felt requiring 3 members was enough. Mr. Horns noted that a full quorum would still be needed for the meeting.

With no further discussion, the motion failed 1-8-0.

Chairman Heffernan called for a vote on adopting the By-Laws as amended

MOTION: Mr. Dube motioned to accept the Budget Committee By-Laws as amended. Ms. Gorman seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed 9-0-0.

Chairman Heffernan called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. O'Neil motioned to adjourn the Organizational meeting. Mr. Cantone seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Williams