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2 **Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee**
3 **Timberland Regional School Board**
4 Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

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6 Public Hearing on the 2015-16 Proposed Budget
7 January 15, 2015

Timberlane Performing Arts Center
Plaistow, NH

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9 Call to Order (00:00:01)

10 Mr. Grosky, the Budget Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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12 Roll Call (00:01:02)

13 Budget Committee

14 Present: Mr. Spero, Mr. Grosky, Mrs. O'Neil, Mr. Horns, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Geary, Mr. Cantone Mr.
15 Green and Ms. Gorman.

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17 School Board

18 Present: Mr. Bealo, Mr. Blair, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Green, Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Sherman, and Mr.
19 Ward. Absent: Mrs. Steenson, Chair.

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21 Timberlane Administrators participating: Dr. Metzler, Superintendent and Mr. Stokinger, Business
22 Administrator.

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24 Pledge of Allegiance (00:01:55)

25 The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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27 Opening Comments from the Superintendent (00:02:15)

28 Dr. Metzler began the Public Hearing with some opening comments along with PowerPoint slides
29 describing his philosophy on school budgeting and the effects a \$3.5 million cut on the school district.

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31 Presentation of the Budget and Review of the Warrant (00:09:25)

32 Mr. Grosky read aloud the warrant through warrant article #1 while a PowerPoint presentation was
33 displayed for the audience and television viewers to follow along.

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35 The First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative) to be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
36 at the Timberlane Regional High School Gymnasium. The Second Session of the Annual Meeting (Voting)
37 to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at town election polls in Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and
38 Sandown, New Hampshire.

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40 Article #1 Election of Officers – openings for School Board and Budget Committee members. The filing
41 period runs from January 20, 2015 to January 30, 2015 at the Superintendent's Office.

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43 Article #2 Operating Budget for 2015-2016 (00:12:40)

44 Mr. Grosky continued with the PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the 2015-2016 budget
45 process and a review of the budget drivers of the requested budget. The proposed budget for 2015-
46 2016 is \$67,723,927 with a default budget of \$68,160,606. Mr. Artus of Atkinson, Mr. Springer of
47 Danville, Mr. Quinn of Atkinson, Mrs. Springer of Danville and Mr. Cleveland of Sandown asked a variety

48 of questions regarding the proposed budget and the possible closure of the Sandown Central School.
49 Dr. Metzler stated the next School Board meeting on Thursday January 22, 2015 would have an open
50 forum to discuss the possible closing of Sandown Central School. Discussion continued on the Operating
51 Budget and the closing of Sandown Central School until 8:15 pm.

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53 Article #3 Capital Reserve Fund (01:11:20)

54 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #3 and reported the current balance of the
55 Capital Reserve fund is \$613,000.

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57 Article #4 Sandown Central Kitchen and Operational Costs (01:12:25)

58 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud Warrant Article #4 regarding the Sandown Central
59 Kitchen Renovation and Operational Costs. After approximately thirty minutes of discussion regarding
60 both warrant article #4 and warrant article #11, Mrs. Delfino read aloud Article # 11, Continue Operation
61 of Sandown Central Petition by Shawn Freligh et al. Mr. Artus of Atkinson, Mrs. Ellis of Sandown, Mr.
62 Springer of Danville, Mr. Golden of Sandown and Mr. Beyrent of Sandown each made comments and
63 asked questions regarding the articles. Dr. Metzler stated he recently found out from the School District
64 attorney, if both articles regarding the operating costs for Sandown Central fail to pass, then the School
65 Board is not legally allowed to spend any funds to keep Sandown Central open in 2015-2016. He also
66 learned that if either one of the articles passes, the School Board is not required to keep Sandown
67 Central open based on that vote.

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69 Article #5 Sandown North Playground (02:03:30)

70 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #5. Mr. Heffernan asked for more information
71 regarding what specifically the money would be spent on. Mrs. Sherman asked the Administration to
72 have the information available for the Deliberative Session. Mrs. Ellis of Sandown asked questions
73 regarding this article.

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75 Article #6 Two Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (TSSU) (02:06:28)

76 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #6. There was no discussion.

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78 Article #7 Authorization for Special Meeting on cost Items (02:08:24)

79 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #7. Mrs. Green asked for clarification on the
80 intent of this article.

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82 Article #8 Acceptance of Reports (02:13:49)

83 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #8. There was no discussion.

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85 Article #9 Expand to Non-Tuition, Full Day Kindergarten Warrant Petition by Brian Stack et al (02:14:05)

86 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #9.

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88 Article #10 Amend Articles of Agreement Petition by Shawn O'Neil et al (02:14:55)

89 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #10. Mr. Green questioned if it were legal to
90 have the credits applied before apportioning the costs to the four towns? Dr. Metzler stated he did not
91 ask that question of the attorney, however he did learn there are other hearings that would need to be
92 held for this to be a legal binding warrant article. Mr. Springer of Danville also questioned the legality of
93 the article.

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95 Article #12 Impact and Consolidation Plan Petition by Shawn Freligh et al (02:19:16)
96 School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #12. Mr. Freligh of Sandown spoke to his article
97 and asked if the school board would abide by the wishes of the voters. Mrs. Delfino stated the school
98 board has not voted on closing Sandown Central yet; however she personally feels the school board
99 would likely abide by the wishes of the voters. Mr. Goldman of Sandown and Mr. Artus of Atkinson also
100 had questions regarding this article.

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102 Mr. Grosky reminded everyone Deliberative Session is February 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the High School
103 Gymnasium, with voter check in beginning at 6:00 pm.

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105 The School Board and the Budget Committee will be meeting immediately following this Public Hearing
106 to vote recommend or not recommend for each of the warrant articles.

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108 Mr. Grosky adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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111 Respectfully submitted,

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113 Kathy Smith,
114 Recording Secretary