

Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee

Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Timberlane Budget Committee Special Meeting
Immediately Following the Budget Public Hearing
January 16, 2014

Timberlane Performing Arts Center
Plaistow, NH

Mr. Spero, the Budget Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Budget Committee roll call was taken:

Present: Mr. Spero-Chair, Mr. Grosky, Mrs. O'Neil-Vice Chair, Mr. Francoeur, Mr. Heffernan, Mrs. Rothwell, Mr. Weymouth, Mrs. Green, Mr. Blair-School Board Representative.

Absent: Ms. Gorman.

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

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Blair made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Rothwell to approve the minutes of December 12, 2013. Mrs. Green made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Rothwell to have included in the minutes, her summarized response to Dr. Metzler's accusations in the newspaper as well as the grounds for Mrs. O'Neil's motion to censure. After the discussion, both motions were withdrawn.

Mrs. Green made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Grosky to abstain from approving the minutes until such time that she and Mrs. O'Neil can draft a summary of their comments on December 12, 2013 that is fair to all regarding the Sandown Selectmen's meeting and the statement in the newspaper. It was suggested this topic be tabled until the end of the meeting. Mrs. Green withdrew her motion.

Mr. Blair made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Grosky to table the approval of minutes until later in the meeting. Vote: Seven in favor, one opposed; Mr. Francoeur and one abstain; Mr. Weymouth. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Mr. Spero stated one correspondence was received by the Budget Committee from a Sandown resident.

Delegations and Individuals: None.

Administrative Report: None.

Reports of Committees: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action on Budget: Mr. Spero, Chair asked for a motion to move Article #2 Operating Budget to the Deliberative session: Mrs. O'Neil made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Heffernan to move Article #2 to the Deliberative session. Vote: Unanimous.

Action on Warrant Articles: Mr. Spero asked for a vote to recommend/not recommend the warrant articles:

Mrs. Rothwell made a motion to recommend articles 3,4,5,7 and 8. Discussion ensued regarding the voting procedure to recommend/not recommend. She withdrew her motion.

Mr. Francoeur made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Weymouth, to recommend articles 3, 4, 5 and 6. Mr. Blair made a motion to amend and was seconded by Mrs. O'Neil, to include article #2. More discussion ensued regarding the voting

procedure for recommend/not recommend. Mr. Blair and Mr. Francoeur withdrew their motion. Mrs. O'Neil withdrew her second.

Article #2 Operating Budget

Mr. Blair made a motion and was seconded Mr. Heffernan to recommend article #2. Vote: Eight in favor, one opposed; Mrs. Green.

Article #3 School Administrative Unit

Mr. Blair made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Heffernan to recommend article 3. Vote: Eight in favor, one opposed; Mrs. Green.

Article #4 Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Heffernan made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Blair to recommend article 4. Discussion ensued regarding the increase in the amount traditionally asked for in this warrant article; how this new amount may affect the tax rates and the status of the currently unfunded emergency retention fund. Vote: Seven in favor, two opposed; Mrs. Green and Mr. Grosky.

Article #5 Sandown Central Kitchen Renovation

Mr. Blair made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Rothwell to recommend article 5. Discussion ensued regarding the total cost of the project and how some of it will be funded with equipment money in the Operating Budget. Mrs. Green asked the cost estimates and architects drawings be made available to the Budget Committee members. Vote: Eight in favor, one opposed; Mrs. Green.

Article #6 One Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Support Staff Union)

Mr. Heffernan made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Blair to recommend article 6. Discussion ensued regarding negotiated items such as salary and health insurance. Vote: Eight in favor and one opposed; Mrs. Green.

Article #7 Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Mrs. Rothwell made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Heffernan to recommend article 7. Discussion ensued regarding if this article is defeated, can a special meeting be held by petition of Superior Court. Vote: Eight in favor and one opposed; Mrs. Green.

Future Agenda and Dates:

Mrs. Rothwell made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Heffernan to cancel the January 23, 2014 Budget Committee meeting. Discussion ensued regarding when the procedural discussions would begin. Vote: Seven in favor and two opposed; Mr. Blair and Mrs. Green.

Mr. Blair made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Grosky to cancel the February 13, 2014 meeting. Discussion continued regarding when procedural discussions would take place. Vote: One in favor; Mr. Blair and eight opposed.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. O'Neil requested a five minute break.

Mrs. O'Neil made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Spero to attach to the December 12, 2013 minutes, a written statement of what was said at the December 12, 2013 meeting. Mrs. Green made a motion to amend, seconded by Mrs. Rothwell to allow Mrs. Green to attach a written statement of her own, at a later date. Mrs. O'Neil withdrew her motion.

Mrs. O'Neil made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Rothwell, to have the recording secretary review the video and revise the minutes.

Mr. Grosky made a motion to amend and was seconded by Mrs. O'Neil, to expand the minutes to specifically include Mrs. Green's response to comments in the newspaper, Mrs. O'Neil's reason for censure and Mrs. Green's response to

that censure. Discussion ensued. Vote: Four in favor; Mr. Weymouth, Mr. Francoeur, Mr. Grosky and Mrs. Green. Four voted against; Mrs. O'Neil, Mr. Spero, Mr. Blair and Mrs. Rothwell. The amendment fails.

The original motion to have the secretary review the video and revise minutes was discussed. Vote: Eight in favor and one opposed; Mr. Heffernan.

Mrs. O'Neil made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Grosky to approve the December 12, 2013 minutes at the February 13, 2014 meeting. Vote: Eight in favor, none opposed and one abstained; Mr. Weymouth.

Mr. Francoeur made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Rothwell to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.
Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Smith
Recording Secretary
Approved February 6, 2014