

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
SANDOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Kathleen Brucaster
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

3-Year Term Vote for not
more than ONE

(Write-in)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEMBER**

1-Year Term Vote for not
more than ONE

KAREN WHITE

(Write-in)

DISTRICT MODERATOR

3-Year Term Vote for not
more than ONE

ROBERT HARB

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 2 – Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$83,270,418.18**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$81,401,106.67**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Timberlane Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: Warrant Article 2 (the operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

*Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1-0*

Article 3 – Lease Purchase Agreement

Shall the voters of the School District authorize the School Board to enter into a 20-year lease purchase agreement for the installation of up to \$25,243,000 of energy saving equipment and associated building and facility improvements at school district buildings in Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown, and further to raise and appropriate \$2,061,000 for the first year's payment under the lease to be partially offset by energy savings and a resulting reduction in costs? This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

*Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0*

Article 4 – Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Administrators' Union)

Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Administrators' Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Estimated Increase	\$459,400	\$137,501	\$135,523
3-Year Total			\$732,424

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$459,400** for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

*Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0*

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

YES
NO

Article 6 – Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Administrative Assistants/Secretaries and Skilled Maintenance Union)

Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Administrative Assistants and Maintenance Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Estimated Increase	\$141,943	\$108,273	\$ 99,195
3-Year Total			\$349,411

YES
NO

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$141,943** for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

Article 7 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

YES
NO

Article 8 – Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Support Staff Union)

Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Support Staff Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Estimated Increase	\$459,669	\$307,786	\$ 293,841
3-Year Total			\$1,061,296

YES
NO

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$459,669** for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

Article 9 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

YES
NO

Article 10 – One Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Teachers' Association)

Shall the voters of the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Teachers' Association and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	<u>2023-24</u>
Estimated Increase	\$404,485
1-Year Total	\$404,485

YES
NO

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$404,485** for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

Article 11 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the School District, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)
Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

YES
NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 12 – Capital Reserve Fund by Surplus

Shall the voters of the School District raise and appropriate up to \$250,000 to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996, with such amount to be transferred from those funds in the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2022-2023 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by additional taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

Article 13 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the voters of the School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2022 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

Article 14 – Emergency Contingency Fund

Shall the School District establish a contingency fund for the upcoming fiscal year for the purpose of covering the cost of unpredictable cost escalations as well as emergencies and further raise and appropriate \$500,000 with such amount to be transferred from those funds in the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; no amount to be raised by additional taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund and used to offset the local education property tax rate. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

Article 15 – Fund Balance Retention

Shall the School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 6-1-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

Article 16 – Use of Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the School District appropriate the sum of \$950,000 to repair, maintain, improve, or replace the High School's boilers and related facilities to authorize the District to withdraw the sum of \$950,000 from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? No amount to be raised by additional taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT