

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Serving the communities of Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown

Deliberative Session

Steve Ranlett, Moderator

February 5, 2015
Timberlane Regional High School
36 Greenough Road, Plaistow, NH

Budget Committee Members

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ATKINSON

Jason Grosky, Chair (2017)
Gregory Spero (2015)

PLAISTOW

Dennis Heffernan, Vice Chair (2016)
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Anthony Cantone (2015)

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SANDOWN

Cathleen Gorman (2016)
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SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Rick Blair

School Board Members

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ATKINSON

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Nancy Steenson, Chair (2016)

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SANDOWN

Donna Green (2015)
Kelly Ward (2016)

Dr. Earl Metzler

Superintendent of Schools



Too soon?

Delicate Balance

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Politics

Pedagogy

And...

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**Economic
Liberalism**

**Fiscal
Conservatism**



A+ Student Achievement



A+
Student
Achievement



TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATKINSON, DANVILLE, PLAISTOW, AND SANDOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE



SANDOWN New Hampshire

COMMUNITY



Atkinson
Danville
Plaistow
Sandown



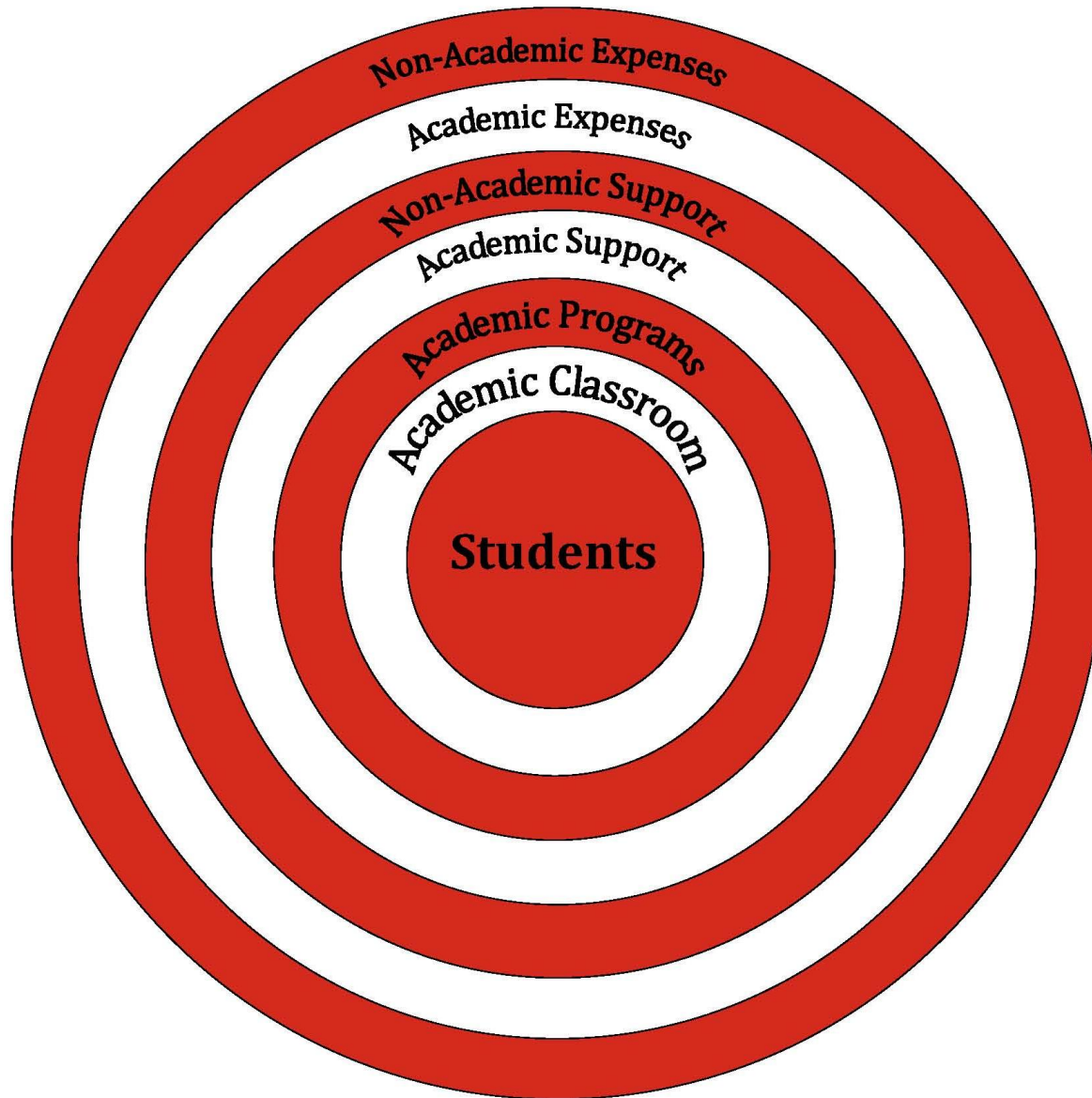
**Local
Control**

No Local Control ?

Actually... more people are checked in an engaged than ever.

This **IS** local control!

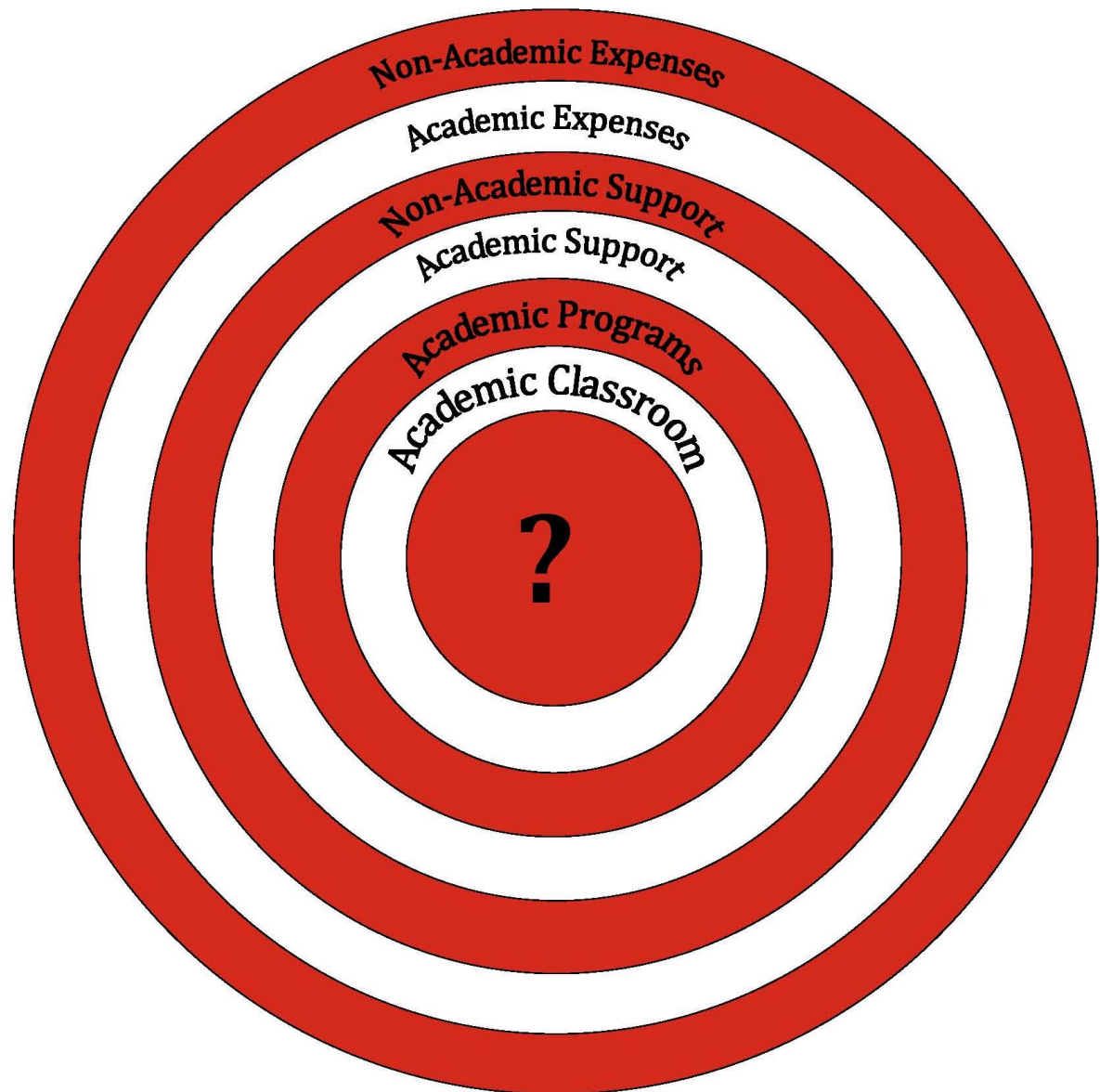
Budget Philosophy



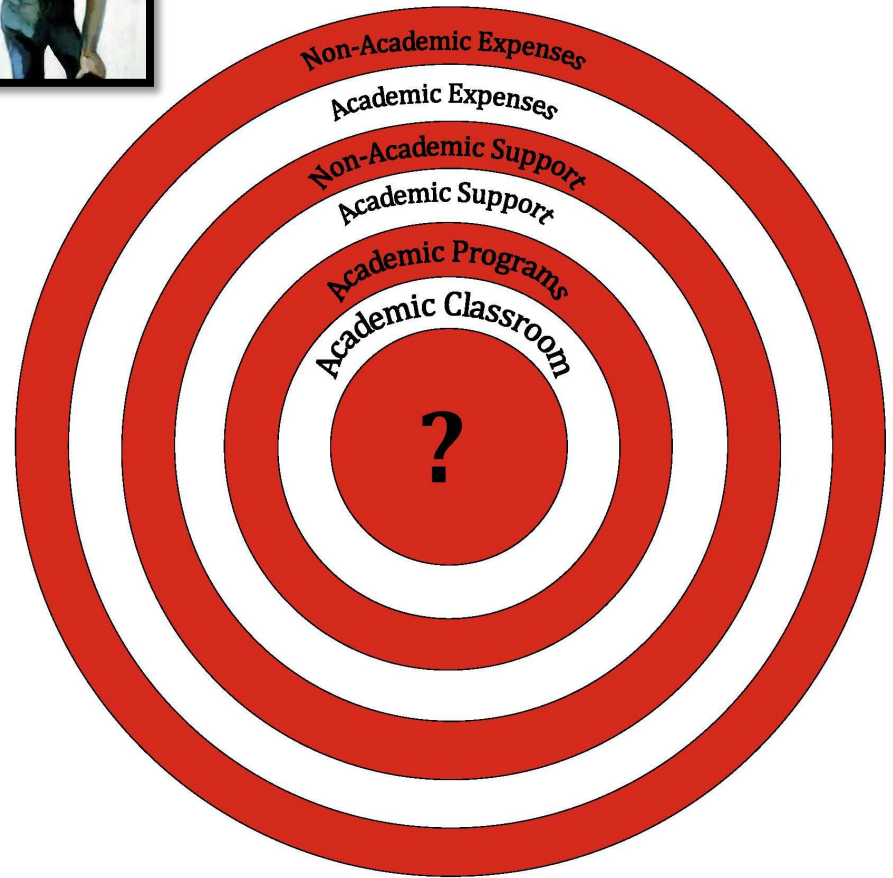
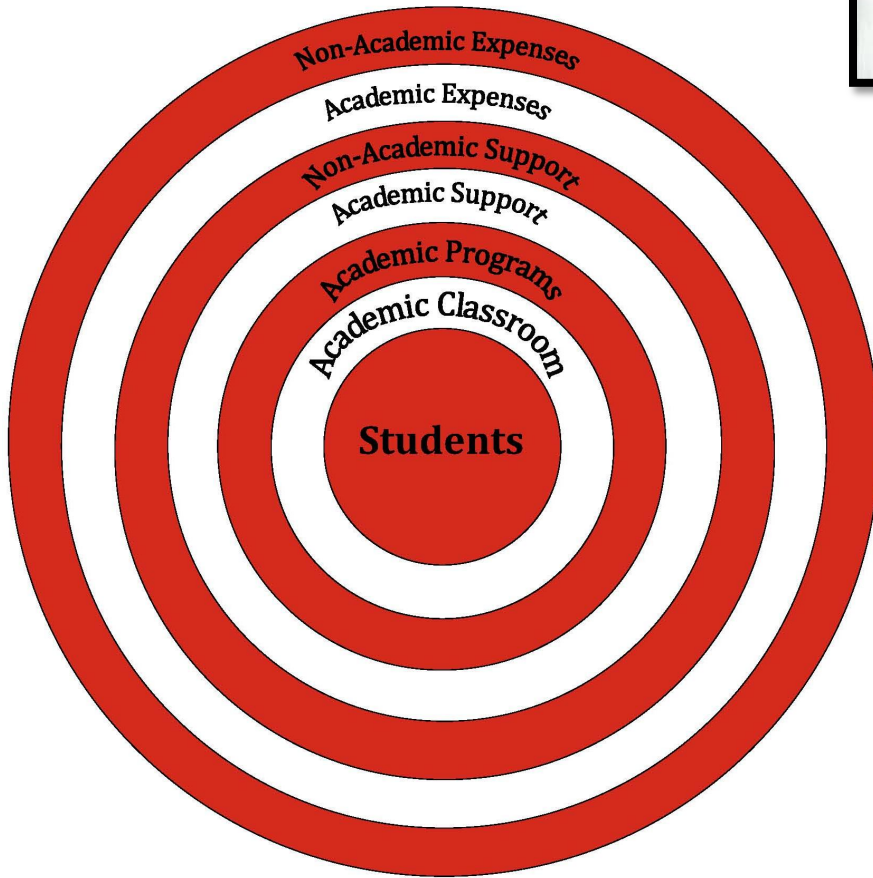
Budget Considerations



Students



Inside Out or Outside In?





School Board Comments

Mrs. Nancy Steenson

Mr. Rick Blair

Meeting Rules

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1. No smoking. Turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate.
2. Each person will treat every other participant with courtesy and respect.
3. Any voter who wishes to address the meeting will approach the microphone, be recognized by the moderator, and will then state his or her name and address, and spell the last name.
4. General comments will be limited to 3 minutes maximum, presentations will be given 10 minutes.
5. Speakers shall remain at the microphone for answers to their questions.
6. All questions to the School Board, Budget Committee or other officials or meeting participants will be directed to the moderator.
7. Each voter who desires to speak on an article will be given a chance to do so before any voter is given a second opportunity to speak on the same issue.
8. Makers of motions and seconds will state their name for the district clerk.

Meeting Rules

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9. Only one amendment will be allowed on the floor at any one time. No amendment to an amendment will be allowed; such proposals will be dealt with as subsequent amendments after the first amendment has been voted upon. Amendments must be in writing and signed by the voter along with their printed name.
10. Motions must be made in the affirmative. No negative motions.
11. Secret ballots must be requested by 5 voters in writing and signed by the voters (verified by the clerk) and made before the vote on an article.
12. Challengers to any voice vote require 7 or more voters immediately after it is announced who then may request a written ballot.
13. Municipal Budget Act – 10% limit will be explained by the School Board Chair or District Attorney if necessary.
14. Reasonable discussion on both sides of a motion will be allowed before a “call the question” will be accepted by the moderator. A 2/3 vote is required for a call the question.

Meeting Rules

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15. Any amendment of financial amounts must be stated in dollars. Percentage figures must be converted to dollar amounts.
16. Upon appeal of any ruling by the moderator, a majority vote will prevail.
17. Roberts Rule of Order will be used as a guide only.
18. At any time during the meeting these rules may be altered by a majority vote.

Without objection from the floor, we will adopt these rules for the conduct of the meeting subject to change.

We are now ready to move to the Warrant.

First Session of Annual Meeting

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First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)

You are hereby notified to meet in the Timberlane Regional High School gymnasium, 36 Greenough Road, Plaistow, New Hampshire, on Thursday, the 5th day of February 2015, at 7:00 p.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 2 through number 12. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

Second Session of Annual Meeting

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Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting)

Voting on warrant articles number 1 through number 12 will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voting to be held on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2015, at the Town election polls in Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown, New Hampshire.

Atkinson will vote at the Atkinson Community Center 7am-8pm

Danville will vote at the Danville Community Center 8am-7pm

Plaistow will vote at Pollard School 7am-8pm

Sandown will vote at the Sandown Town Hall 8am-8pm

Article 1 – Election of Officers

To choose the following school district officers:

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|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| • Atkinson Voters | School Board Member | 2-year Term |
| • Atkinson Voters | School Board Member | 3-Year Term |
| • Plaistow Voters | School Board Member | 3-year Term |
| • Sandown Voters | School Board Member | 3-Year Term |
| • Atkinson Voters | Budget Committee Member | 3-Year Term |
| • Danville Voters | Budget Committee Member | 2-Year Term |
| • Plaistow Voters | Budget Committee Member | 2-Year Term |
| • Plaistow Voters | Budget Committee Member | 3-Year Term |
| • Sandown Voters | Budget Committee Member | 3-Year Term |

Article 2 – Operating Budget

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Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional 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 **\$67,723,927**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$68,160,616** 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 article. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-2

Budget Process

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- Building Level Needs
 - Building Administrators
 - Directors
- Review & Recommendation
 - School Board
 - Budget Committee
- Public Deliberation
- Vote

Need Based Budget Requests

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Total 2014-2015 Budget:	\$67,335,682	
Administrative Requests		
• Increase of:	\$1,850,564	2.75%
Committee & Board Adjustments		
• Decrease of:	(\$1,462,319)	
Proposed Budget Summary		
• Increase of:	\$388,245	0.58%

Total 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

\$67,723,927

Operating Budget

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2014-2015 to 2015-2016

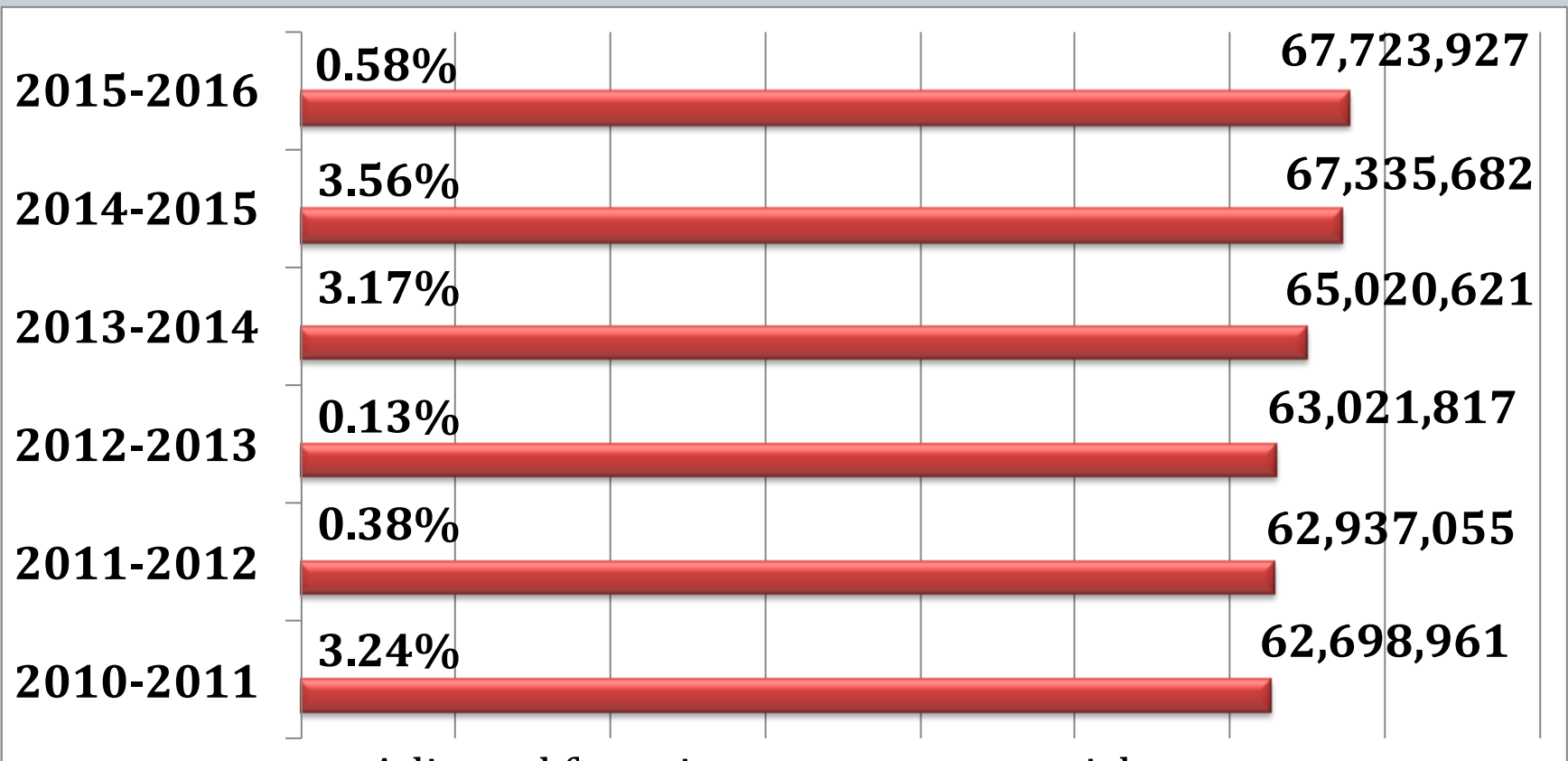
2015-2016 Proposed	\$67,723,927
2014-2015 Budget	\$67,335,682
Change	\$388,245
Percent	0.58%

**Recommended by both the School Board and
Budget Committee**

Historical Budget

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Total Budget



Adjusted for prior year warrant articles

Increases in Operating Budget

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Salaries	\$144,126
Transportation	95,219
Retirement	399,183
Equipment	64,334
Books and Info Resources/Software	90,115
Facilities Projects/Bldg Lease/Repairs	50,847
SAU 55	125,046
Fund Transfers	110,000
Utilities/Energy	105,336
Supplies	27,453
Other	37,648

TOTAL INCREASE **\$1,249,307**

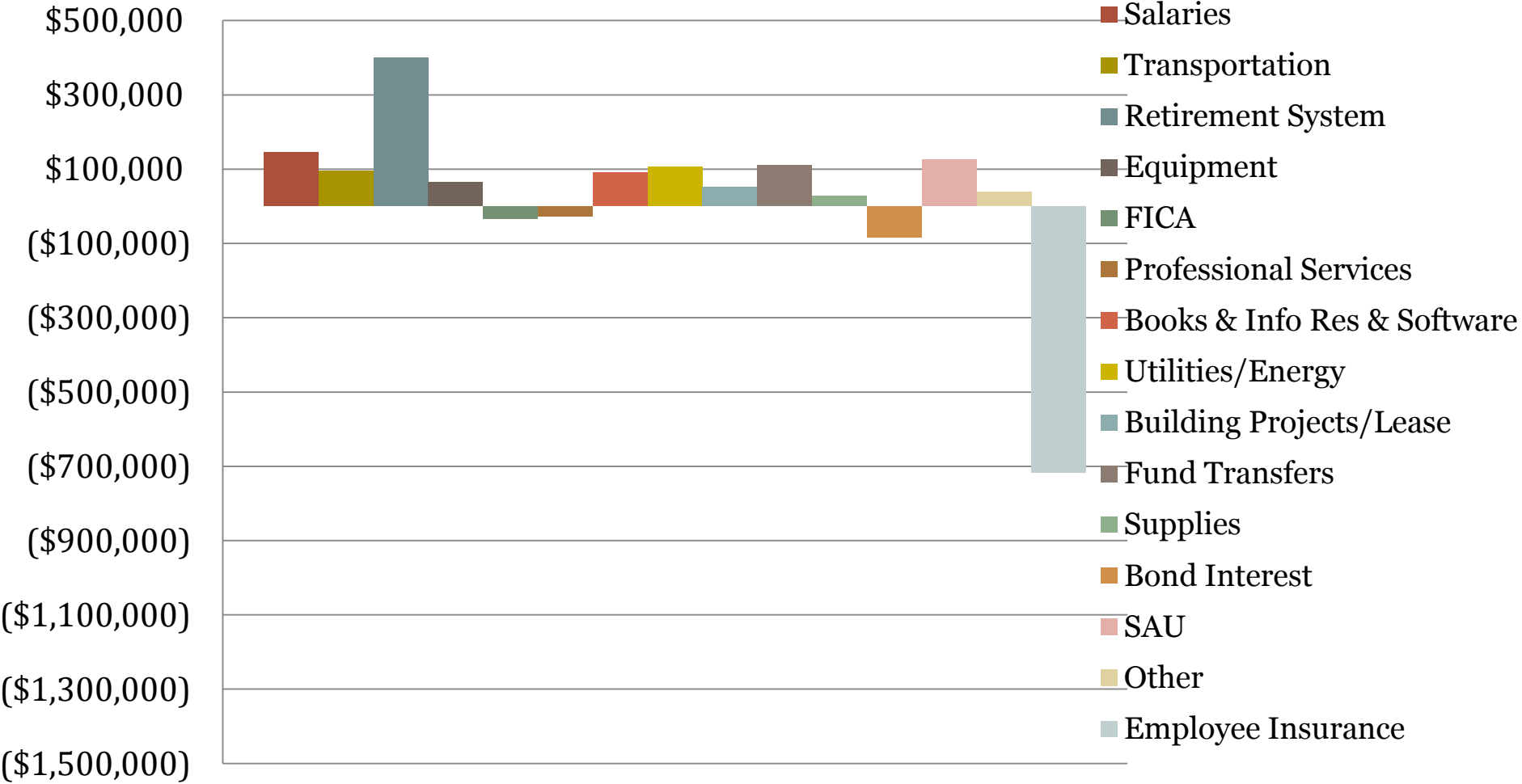
2015 DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Decreases in Operating Budget

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Employee Insurance	(\$717,405)
Bond Interest	(84,000)
FICA	(32,564)
Professional Services	(27,093)
TOTAL DECREASE	(\$861,062)

Major Budget Factors



Changes By Major Category

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2014-2015 to 2015-2016

Salaries and Benefits	(\$192,920)
Instruction Related	211,524
Facilities Related	(12,869)
Other	382,510
TOTAL INCREASE	\$388,245

**Recommended by both the School Board and
Budget Committee**

Salaries and Benefits

36

Salaries	\$144,126
Insurance	(717,405)
NH Retirement	399,183
FICA	(32,564)
Work Comp/ Unemployment	13,740
TOTAL	(\$192,920)

Instruction Related

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Tuition (Special Ed & Vocational)	\$11,700
Equipment	64,334
Professional Services	(10,718)
Books/Software	90,115
Supplies	65,433
Travel/Workshops	(9,340)
TOTAL	\$211,524

Facilities

38

Renovation & Repair	\$20,150
Supplies	(37,980)
Utilities	105,336
Professional Services	(16,375)
Bond Interest	(84,000)
TOTAL	<u>(\$12,869)</u>

Other

39

Transportation Contracts	\$95,219
School Administrative Unit 55	125,046
Fund Transfers	110,000
Other	52,245
TOTAL	382,510

Recommended vs. Default

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Recommended Budget	\$67,723,927
Default Budget	\$68,160,616
Difference	(\$436,689)
Percentage	(0.64)

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL

OF: Timberlane Regional School District, NH
 Fiscal Year From July 1, XXXX to June 30, XXXX

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the **amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget.** For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, **as determined by the governing body**, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriation s	DEFAULT BUDGET
INSTRUCTION					
1100-1199	Regular Programs				

Estimated Tax Rate Impact*

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	2014	Recommended	Default
ATKINSON	\$14.98	\$15.20	\$15.32
DANVILLE	\$23.44	\$24.22	\$24.48
PLAISTOW	\$18.01	\$18.38	\$18.54
SANDOWN	\$21.98	\$22.15	\$22.39

* Combined local and state school rate

Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund

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Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional 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 the June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? This sum to come from fund balance (2014-15 budget surplus) and no amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1

Article 3 – Intent

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To move \$250,000 from the end of year surplus into the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This fund was established in 1996 for the purpose of setting aside funds for future capital needs. Money in this fund can only be spent per authorization of the School District voters. Money in this fund is placed into an interest bearing account.

Total Appropriation	\$250,000
Withdrawal from Surplus	-\$250,000
Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$0

As of Dec 31, 2014 the balance in this fund was approx \$613,000.

Article 4 – Sandown Central Kitchen and Operational Costs

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$1,160,544**, with \$744,299 to be used for the operational costs of Sandown Central Elementary School and \$416,245 to renovate the kitchen at Sandown Central Elementary School and to further authorize the District to withdraw the said **\$416,245** from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? *(Only \$744,299 shall be raised by taxation.)*
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 6-2

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0

Article 4 – Intent

46

To raise funds to keep Sandown Central School open for the next school year, consisting of \$416,245 for the renovation of the school kitchen and \$744,299 for operational costs.

Total Appropriation	\$1,160,544
Withdrawal from the Capital Reserve	-\$416,245
Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$744,299

Estimate Totals

Description	Amount	Totals	Hours	Rate	Cost Basis	Cost per Unit	Percent of Total
Labor	42,200		440,000 hrs			26.375 /sf	12.22%
Material	5,728					3.580 /sf	1.66%
Subcontract	270,789					169.243 /sf	78.40%
Equipment							
Other							
	318,717	318,717				199.198 /sf	92.27
I Performance & Payment Bond	2,850				B	1.781 /sf	0.83%
Builders Risk Insurance	432			1.250 \$ / 1,000	T	0.270 /sf	0.13%
Building Permit - By Owner					L		
General Liability & Umbrella P	1,965			0.569 %	T	1.228 /sf	0.57%
Contingency Lump Sum	5,000				L	3.125 /sf	1.45%
CM Fee %	16,448			5.000 %	T	10.280 /sf	4.76%
Total		345,412				215.883 /sf	

***\$345,412 ORIGINAL CONTRUCTION ESTIMATE

40,000 ENGINEERING FEES

385,412 SUBTOTAL FOR 2014 ESTIMATE

30,833 ESTIMATED 8% INFLATION

\$416,245 TOTAL COST TO RENOVATE SANDOWN CENTRAL KITCHEN***

Article 5 – Sandown North Playground

49

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$90,000** for the expansion and upgrade of the Sandown North Elementary School playground? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1-1

Article 5 – Intent

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To raise funds to expand the playground at Sandown North.

Total Appropriation	\$90,000
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Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$90,000
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Article 5 – Sandown North Playground

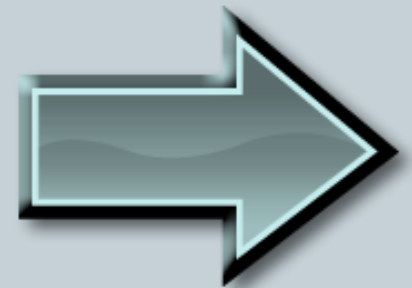
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- Create an area approximately 60' x 125'
- Install 2 – 3 pieces of playground equipment
- Equipment to be determined by PLT & PE

Article 6 – Two Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (TSSU)

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional 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:

Cost Distribution	2015-16	2016-17
Salaries	\$82,518	\$83,212
FICA	6,313	6,366
NH Retirement	8,952	9,095
TOTAL	\$97,783	\$98,673



Article 6 – Two Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (TSSU)

AND...

further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,783 for the 2015-16 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 9-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0

Article 6 – Intent

56

To raise funds to support the Bargaining Agreement between the Timberlane Regional School Board and Timberlane Support Staff Union.

Total Appropriation for 2015-2016	\$97,783
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Amount to be raised by 2015 taxes	\$97,783
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Total Appropriation for 2016-2017	\$98,673
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Amount to be raised by 2016 taxes	\$98,673
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Article 7 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Timberlane Regional 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) *(Without this Article the District would have to petition Superior Court for a special School District meeting. This saves the District the expense of attorney fees and court costs.)*

Recommended by the School Board 8-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0

Article 8 - Acceptance of Reports

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Shall the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2014 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-3

Article 9- Expand to Non-Tuition, Full Day Kindergarten Warrant Petition by Brian Stack et al

59

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District expand the current kindergarten program to a non-tuition, full day kindergarten program in each elementary school with the increase in necessary funding coming from the operating budget? (ADVISORY ONLY)
(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 8-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-3

Article 10- Amend Articles of Agreement Petition by Shawn O'Neil et al

60

To see if the Timberlane Regional School District shall replace Article #5 and Article #6 from the April 30, 1964 agreement to read:

5. The operating and capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned at a rate so each pre-existing district pays the same local school rate of taxation based upon the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission. All forms of aid and local school impact fees from each pre-existing district will be applied to reduce the operating and capital expense before apportionment.

6. Repealed

(2/3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 8-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-3

Article 11- Continue Operation of Sandown Central Petition by Shawn Freligh et al

61

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$602,528 for the continuing operation of Sandown Central Elementary School as an elementary school? This warrant will be void if warrant article “Sandown Central Elementary School Operational Costs and Kitchen Renovation” passes. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 7-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-5

Article 12- Impact and Consolidation Plan Petition by Shawn Freligh et al

62

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District require that before any District school is closed or consolidated the District School Board must conduct a complete impact and consolidation plan to determine feasibility of closing a school? The details of the study and consolidation plan will be presented to District voters at a public hearing a minimum of two-months before voting. The decision to close any district school must be placed in the school district ballot for voting. In the event the District School Board votes to close any District school for the 2015/2016 school year, that vote will be reversed and authority revoked by the voters of the District per passage of this Warrant. (ADVISORY ONLY)(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 7-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-4

Special Meetings

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The School Board will meet in the library immediately following this session to take recommendation action on the warrant and conduct other school board business.

The Budget Committee will meet in room 506 immediately following this session to take recommendation action on the warrant and conduct other budget committee business.



VOTE

MARCH 10, 2015

Atkinson: Atkinson Community Center 7am-8pm

Danville: Danville Community Center 8am-7pm

Plaistow: Pollard School 7am-8pm

Sandown: Sandown Town Hall 8am-8pm