



TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2025

7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:01 PM by Karen White

Roll Call taken by Heather Greenfield

Present Budget Committee: Sabrina Alberg, Kathryn Consalvo, Julie Hammond, Katie Knutsen, Sheila Lowes, Brian Smith, Karen White

Absent Budget Committee: Peter Bealo, Liz Kosta, Sue Sherman

Present School Board: Paul LeCain, Shauna Manthorn, Jack Sapia, Mark Sherwood, Marianne Springer, Don Woodworth

Absent School Board: Alyssa Kowalszyk, Brie Woodworth

Administrators Present: Justin Krieger – Superintendent, Maria Watkins – Business Administrator/CFO,

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Brian Smith motions to accept November 13, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Sabrina Alberg.

5 – 0 – 1

In Favor: Sabrina Alberg, Kathryn Consalvo, Julie Hammond, Sheila Lowes, Brian Smith

Abstained: Karen White

Correspondence:

Karen reads a letter from Cameron Stack.

Delegate/Individuals:

Michael Boucher – Atkinson talks about the difficulty of coming up with a budget this year and how



important it is to pay attention to where those cuts are made because they could destroy the district.

Kane Guthrie – Atkinson wants to advocate for a strong budget. Him and his fellow parents are pushing for children's future and want to protect their investment in the schools.

John Downing – Sandown is disappointed that he has to be here. The school board has presented a budget that has added back all cuts that were made last year and then some. He urges the budget committee to send each budget back to each of the departments to take a second look into them. He believes the lease has been misappropriated since its inception.

Julia Douherty – Atkinson concerned about increasing class sizes and changing transportation. She thinks that 5 additional students may not seem like much but it will stretch teachers even thinner. Walking to school in Atkinson is not an option as there are no sidewalks or paths. These options would create a barrier and hardship for families.

Carsten Springer – Danville asks the budget committee to refer back to the School Board meeting on December 4th where Superintendent Krieger breaks down the default budget. Create a budget that can be funded without wild swings.

Administrative Report:

Justin speaks about open enrollment, which allows students from other districts to come attend schools/programs. This would require the sending school to support up to 80% of tuition costs.

Sheila asks who funds the other 20%, Justin responds that there is no funding mechanism for that.

Jack shares his concern that we would be putting more children into our schools where classes are already full. Justin says that the receiving school is able to set up all parameters around accepting students.

Justin speaks about contracted services and its growth year over year. Special Ed cost grows at 5 times that of regular ed student costs. While it used to be just tuition costs, it's now tuition plus all services that need to be provided.

Maria speaks about the increase in insurance rates year over year since 2020.

Sheila is wondering if the school board is considering looking into offering fewer plan choices.

Mark and Marianne speak to the different health insurance plans that the district currently offers.

The district is currently forecasting a total expenditure of \$84.5 million by the end of this fiscal year.

Jack begins a discussion on the Special Education costs for the district

Justin says this group needs a check-in to see where everyone stands on the current proposed budget.

Karen thinks that the \$92M doesn't have a chance to pass at deliberative, she wants to look at finding



ways to cut the budget in the area of building costs.

Kathryn agrees that the budget needs to be \$90M or under. She believes that we should cut librarians to put in Full-day K. She believes this will help SPED costs in the future.

Sabrina also agrees that there is room to trim the budget. Sustainable cuts to make changes that can be maintained moving forward.

Brian agrees and thinks that it needs to be under \$90M. He doesn't think the Danville folks will be ok with a 20-30% increase, he wants to look at CIP cuts.

Julie is looking at a budget well below \$90M, in the \$80-85M range. She looked at the budget reduction buckets and she thinks that we need to keep the CIP lines. The buildings have been let go for too long.

Sheila thinks that the budget should be much lower than \$90M.

Mark asks that we work collaboratively and figure out justification for cuts made. He wants to make consequence-based decisions with educational priorities.

New Business:

2026 Warrant Articles

Sheila talks about cutting 3 administrators and 3 admin. assistants, cut \$1M from CIP (keep sprinklers and Pollards vanity and sinks), a secondary interventionist(\$338K), 4 elementary instructional coaches (\$624K), open and vacant positions.

Mark says that he would be ok cutting Sandown sprinklers. (\$650K).

Brian says \$600K in CIP.

Jack wants to move the high school envelope to the lease and remove the PAC roof. Number one choice for him is the envelope of the high school.

Julie talks about PAC roof and that it is on the lease because it is reaching its end of life.

Sandy clarifies that the interventionist positions work with students in small groups to close educational gaps. They are part of the MTSS system that the district has been building for the last 4 years.



MOTION: Sabrina Alberg motions to reduce transportation by 2 buses \$194,980, seconded by Kathryn Consalvo.

6 – 0 – 0 PASS

In Favor: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond, Sheila Lowes

Discussion regarding cutting the 2 buses ensues. Discussion includes safety concerns and hardships on families if bus stops are reduced.

MOTION: Sheila Lowes motions to reduce administration by \$450,000, seconded by Brian Smith.

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In Favor: Sheila Lowes, Brian Smith

Opposed: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Julie Hammond

There is concern that cutting three positions is too many and that the consequence would be more work getting pushed down onto the teachers. There is also concern that this will affect the time that it takes for administrators to meet timeline regulations.

MOTION: Sabrina Alberg motions to reduce the budget by one admin position and one admin assistant for a total of \$205,000, seconded by Kathryn Consalvo.

5 – 1 – 0 PASS

In Favor: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Sheila Lowes

Opposed: Julie Hammond

The group discusses where they believe this cut should be made.



MOTION: Julie Hammond motions to reduce elementary budget by \$726,000 (3 teacher positions & 20 Paras), seconded by Sheila Lowes.

3 – 3 – 0 FAILS

In Favor: Sheila Lowes, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond

Opposed: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg

MOTION: Kathryn Consalvo motions to reduce elementary budget by 10 paras and 3 teachers \$498,000, seconded by Sabrina Alberg.

6 – 0 – 0 PASS

In Favor: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond, Sheila Lowes

MOTION: Sabrina Alberg motions to reduce Sandown North sprinklers (\$650K), seconded by Kathryn Consalvo.

6 – 0 – 0 PASS

In Favor: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond, Sheila Lowes

MOTION: Kathryn Consalvo motions to defer lease payment to July 12, 2027, \$844,000 seconded by Sabrina Alberg.

5 – 1 – 0

In Favor: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Sheila Lowes

Opposed: Julie Hammond



MOTION: Julie Hammond motions to reduce 2 interventionist and 2 unified arts positions (\$349,000), seconded by Sheila Lowes.

3 – 3 – 0 FAIL

In Favor: Sheila Lowes, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond

Opposed: Sabrina Alberg, Kathryn Consalvo, Karen White

MOTION: Kathryn Consalvo motions to reduce 1 interventionist and 1 unified arts position \$174,500, seconded by Brian Smith.

5 – 1 – 0 PASS

In Favor: Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond, Sheila Lowes

Opposed: Karen White

MOTION: Julie Hammond motions to reduce 1 tech specialist and 1 SPED facilitator position (\$163,000), seconded by Sheila Lowes.

2 – 4 – 0 FAIL

In Favor: Sheila Lowes, Julie Hammond

Opposed: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith

MOTION: Sheila motions to remove 4 open TTA positions (\$355,000), seconded by Sabrina Alberg.

6 – 0 – 0 PASS

In Favor: Karen White, Kathryn Consalvo, Sabrina Alberg, Brian Smith, Julie Hammond, Sheila Lowes

Larry Landau, Plaistow is appalled at the cuts that were made to the special education department.



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Meeting Adjourned by Karen White at 10:17PM

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Respectfully Submitted by: Heather Greenfield