

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

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

Timberlane Performing Arts Center  
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order (00:00:01)

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

Roll Call (00:01:02)

Budget Committee

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

School Board

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance (00:01:55)

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article #12 Impact and Consolidation Plan Petition by Shawn Freligh et al (02:19:16)

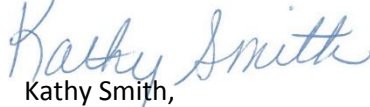
School Board Vice-Chair, Mrs. Delfino read aloud article #12. Mr. Freligh of Sandown spoke to his article and asked if the school board would abide by the wishes of the voters. Mrs. Delfino stated the school board has not voted on closing Sandown Central yet; however she personally feels the school board would likely abide by the wishes of the voters. Mr. Goldman of Sandown and Mr. Artus of Atkinson also had questions regarding this article.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Smith,  
Recording Secretary