

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Special Meeting
January 15, 2015
9:44 PM

Performing Arts Center
40 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order

Madam Vice Chair Delfino called this January 15, 2015 special school board meeting immediately following the public hearing on the proposed 2015-16 budget to order at 9:44 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Mr. Bealo, Mr. Blair, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Delfino, Mrs. Green, Mr. Sapia, Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Ward

Absent:

Mrs. Steenson

Administrators Present

Dr. Metzler, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Danahy, Human Resource Director and Recording Secretary

Current Business

Board members reviewed each of the proposed warrant articles intended for the 2015 warrant and provided recommendation action as follows:

Article 2 – Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article 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 purposed 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 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)

On the question to recommend Article 2 - Operating Budget, the board voted 7-0-1 (Mrs. Green abstained).

Article 3-Capital Reserve Fund

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)

On the question to recommend Article 3 - Capital Reserve Fund, the board voted 7-1-0 (Mrs. Green opposed).

Article 4 – Sandown Central Elementary School Kitchen Renovation 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)

On the question to recommend Article 4 – Sandown Central Elementary School Kitchen Renovation and Operational Costs, the board voted 2-6-0 (Mr. Collins and Mrs. Sherman in favor), thus the board does NOT recommend Article 4.

Article 5 – Sandown North Elementary School Playground

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

On the question to recommend Article 5 – Sandown North Elementary School Playground, the board voted 7-0-1 (Mrs. Green abstained).

Article 6 – Two Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Support Staff Union)

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
New Hampshire State Retirement	8,952	9,095
TOTAL	\$97,783	\$98,673

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)

On the question to recommend Article 6 – Two Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Support Staff Union), the board voted unanimously 8-0-0.

Article 7 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of 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? (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). (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

On the question to recommend Article 7 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items, the board voted unanimously 8-0-0.

Article 8 – General Acceptance of Reports

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

On the question to recommend Article 8- General Acceptance of Reports the board voted unanimously 8-0-0.

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

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)

On the question to recommend Article 9 – Expand Kindergarten to Non-Tuition, Full Day Program on Warrant Petition by Brian Stack et al, the board voted 0-8-0, thus the board does NOT recommend Article 9.

Article 10 – Amend Articles of Agreement on Warrant Petition by Shawn O’Neil et al

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)

On the question to recommend Article 10- Amend Articles of Agreement on Warrant Petition by Shawn O’Neil et al, the board voted 0-8-0, thus the board does NOT recommend Article 10.

Article 11 – Continue Operation of Sandown Central on Warrant Petition by Shawn Freligh et al

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$602,528 for the continuing operation of Sandown 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)

On the question to recommend Article 11 – Continue Operation of Sandown Central on Warrant Petition by Shawn Freligh et al, the board voted 1-7-0 (Mrs. Green in favor), thus the board does NOT recommend Article 11.

Article 12 Conduct Impact and Consolidation Plan on Warrant Petition by Shaw Freligh et al


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)

On the question to recommend Article 12 – Conduct Impact and Consolidation Plan on Warrant Petition by Shawn Freligh et al, the board voted 1-7-0 (Mrs. Green in favor), thus the board does NOT recommend Article 12.

Other Business

Having no further business before the board Madam Vice Chair Delfino adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Danahy
School Board Clerk