

**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2013**

*Lorna J. Walker*  
Lorna J. Walker, 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.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEMBER**

1-Year Term \_\_\_\_\_

Vote for not  
more than ONE

○

(Write-in)

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2 – Operating Budget**

Shall 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 **\$64,422,418**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$64,418,761** 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 8-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1*

**Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$200,000** 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, 2013 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES ○  
NO ○

*(The funds for this article come from the 2012-2013 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes.)  
Recommended by the School Board 8-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0*

**Article 4 – Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Teachers' Association)**

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to 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:

| Cost Distribution   | 2013-14<br>Year 1 | 2014-15<br>Year 2 | 2015-16<br>Year 3 |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries            | \$494,737         | \$589,674         | \$561,794         |
| FICA                | 37,847            | 45,110            | 42,977            |
| NH State Retirement | 70,055            | 83,498            | 79,550            |
| Medical             | (204,436)         | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$398,203</b>  | <b>\$718,281</b>  | <b>\$684,321</b>  |

YES ○  
NO ○

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$398,203** for the 2013-14 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 7-1  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1*

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 5 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items**

Shall the Timberlane Regional 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?

YES

NO

*(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 7-1**

**Article 6 – Fund Balance Retention (Surplus)**

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and over-expenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate, all in accordance with RSA198:4-b, II? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

**Recommended by the School Board 7-1**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1**

**Article 7 – General Acceptance of Reports**

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2012 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

**Recommended by the School Board 9-0**

**Article 8 – SAU Budget on Warrant Petition by Donna Green et al**

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District within School Administrative Unit number 55 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**