

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DANVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016**

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SCHOOL 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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

	Vote for not more than ONE
3-Year Term	
NANCY STEENSON	<input type="radio"/>
STEFANIE DUBE	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

	Vote for not more than ONE
3-Year Term	
JOHN HUGHES	<input type="radio"/>
KIMBERLY FARAH	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	

ARTICLES

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 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 **\$69,333,958**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$70,108,969** 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 7-0-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0*

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 those funds in the June 30, 2016 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2015-2016 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

*Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0*

[Intent: This article puts money aside for future capital improvements. Money is only put into this Capital Reserve Fund if it is available at the end of the fiscal year. Capital expense appropriations are calculated in accordance with the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement (Article 6) apportionment formula as follows:

“The capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission”.]

Article 4 – Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Teachers Association)

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District 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:

Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Estimated Increase	\$611,032	\$633,573	\$724,684
	3-Year Total		\$1,969,289

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$611,032 for the 2016-17 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)

YES
NO

*Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0*

[Intent: This article will allow the school district to enter into a successor three-year contract with the Timberlane Teachers Association. The proposed contract ratified by the union and the school board represents a 3% increase in salaries and a \$210k cost savings in insurances for year one, a 2.3% increase in salaries in year two, and a 2.5% increase in salaries in year three.]

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of 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? *(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)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

[Intent: This article is suggested by the NH Department of Revenue Administration as a cost saving measure.]

Article 6 – Danville Elementary Sprinkler System

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$503,000 for the installation of a fire suppression sprinkler system ("Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Capital Project") in the Danville Elementary School. This amount would be combined with \$250,000 previously raised and appropriated in the 2015-2016 budget for this purpose with the balance of \$503,000 to be raised by taxation in 2016-2017. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Total Project Cost:	\$ 753,000
Amount to be expended from 2015/2016:	- \$ 250,000
Amount to be raised by taxation in 2016/2017:	<u>\$ 503,000</u>

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 3-3-1

[Intent: This article will allow for the installation of a fire suppression sprinkler system (FSSS) at Danville Elementary School. All of our schools have FSSS although some only have FSSS in their boiler rooms. The schools in Sandown and Danville have FSSS in their boiler rooms and kitchen hoods only. The \$503,000 requested this year will be combined with the \$250,000 previously raised and appropriated from the '15-'16 budget for a total project cost of \$753,000.]

Article 7 – Middle School Renovation Study

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate \$30,000 to be used to study improvements to the educational experience of the students utilizing the 21 classrooms at Timberlane Regional Middle School that currently have no windows or skylights. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 6-2-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-0

YES
NO

[Intent: These 21 classrooms make up one third of all the classrooms at TRMS. All of our 6th and 7th grade students spend time in these classrooms that do not provide any light from the sun or have full spectrum lighting. Studies have shown significant improvement in student achievement when attending school in classrooms with sunlight. This money would be utilized to study available options to improve the experience of the students utilizing these classrooms, such as, but not limited to, lighting and/or skylights.]

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 2015 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

YES
NO

Article 9 – Self-Funding of Full-Time Kindergarten on Warrant Petition by Cathleen Gorman et al

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District require all costs associated with funding a full-time kindergarten program be completely self-funding by private tuition? This article is advisory and nonbinding. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

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