

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

Honey Louise
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

SUSAN SHERMAN

TY VITALE

(Write-in)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEMBER**

Vote for not
more than ONE

3-Year Term

MICHAEL MASCOLA

TY VITALE

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

Vote for not
more than ONE

3-Year Term

STEVEN RANLETT

(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 **\$71,328,092**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$71,559,011** 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 10-0-0

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, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2016-2017 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 10-0-0

[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.”]

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 – Three 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:

Fiscal Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Estimated Increase	\$181,323	\$177,907	\$181,864
	3-Year Total		\$541,094

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$181,323** for the 2017-18 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 7-1-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

[Intent: This article will allow the school district to enter into a successor three-year contract with the Timberlane Support Staff Union. The proposed contract ratified by the union and the school board represents a 2% increase in wages and overall costs in year one, a 2.5% increase in year two, and a 2.5% increase in year three.]

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 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2016 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

Article 7 – Change Auditing Firms on Warrant Petition by Donna Green et al

Shall the Timberlane Regional School Board continue to select an auditing firm as needed for its annual audit? This article is advisory and nonbinding.

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

Article 8 – Vote of Confidence in Timberlane Regional School District Superintendent on Warrant Petition by Shawn O’Neil et al

Do the citizens of the Timberlane Regional School District have confidence that the Superintendent of Schools will continue to advance the school district’s core values of rigor, accountability, evaluation and support as he has over the last five years? This article is advisory and nonbinding. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

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