

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2019**

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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: ●

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 **\$71,681,333**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$70,948,104** 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)

*Recommended by the School Board 8-1-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0*

YES
NO

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, 2019 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2018-2019 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

*Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0*

YES
NO

Article 4 – Performing Arts Center Outer Wall Replacement

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$531,000** to repair the outside wall of the Timberlane Performing Arts Center and to authorize the District to withdraw the sum of **\$531,000** from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? No amount to be raised by additional taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

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

YES
NO

Article 5 – 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	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Estimated Increase	\$866,343	\$851,967	\$901,897
	3-Year Total		\$2,620,207

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$866,343** for the 2019-20 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 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0*

YES
NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0

Article 7 – Charges for Professional Banking or Brokerage Assistance for Reserve Funds and Trust Funds (non-contingent)

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a, III (which became effective July 26, 2014), to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds, without further action of the school district meeting, to charge any expenses incurred for professional banking or brokerage assistance for trust funds and reserve funds in their custody as authorized in RSA Chapter 35 and RSA 198:20-c, II, against the funds involved, such authority to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the school district meeting, which said vote to rescind such authority shall not occur within 5 years of the adoption of this article? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

Article 8 – Change Trustees of Trust Funds (non-contingent)

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District vote, pursuant to RSA 198:20-c, II (trust funds) and RSA 35:2 (reserve funds), to elect the trustees of trust funds of the town of Plaistow, NH, to take custody of all school district established trust funds and reserve funds on July 1, 2019, and to administer such funds on behalf of the school district under the provisions of RSA 31:22? This article is not contingent upon the passage of Article 7 (regarding charges for professional banking and brokerage assistance). (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

Article 9 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2018 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0

Article 10 – SAU55 Withdrawal Study by Petition of Stefanie Dube et al

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District pursuant to RSA 194-C, I, create a Planning Committee to study the advisability of the withdrawal of the Timberlane Regional School District from SAU #55 in accordance with RSA 194-C:2, IV(a), for its organization, operation and control, and the advisability of constructing, maintaining and operating a School Administrative Unit to serve the needs of the Timberlane Regional School District. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 8-1-0

Article 11 – Transportation Costs by Petition of Peter Bealo et al

Shall the district encourage the Timberlane Regional School District School Board to fund transportation costs to meet the needs of the school district? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 9-0-0

Article 12 – High School Athletic Track by Petition of Rob Collins et al

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,525 for the repair and replacement of the Timberlane Regional High School track, and to authorize the District to withdraw up to the sum of \$247,525 from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? No amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Not recommended by the School Board 6-3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-2-0

Article 13 – Amend Articles of Agreement to Weighted Voting by Petition of Jack Sapia et al

Shall the Timberlane Regional School Board study whether to use weighted voting in its business proceedings? This article is advisory only and nonbinding. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Not recommended by the School Board 5-4-0

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