

**TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING**

JANUARY 15, 2008

Board members present: William Baldwin - Chair, William Luongo, Elizabeth Kosta, Lori Aubrey, Michael Mascola, Arlene Champey, Lisa Withee and Emily Weston - Student Representative.

Board members absent: John Paone - Vice Chair and Steven Brown.

Others Present: Richard La Salle - Superintendent.

At the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, Greenough Road, Plaistow, NH, TRSB Chairman Baldwin opened the special meeting after the public hearing at 7:25 pm with the roll call.

Review of Public Hearing

Board members expressed their pleasure in how the public hearing was presented. The PowerPoint presentation was extremely helpful and with the video of the hearing being played repeatedly on TEN, the budget essentials will be adequately broadcast to District voters. A more detailed budget presentation will be made at the Deliberative Session. It was suggested that a presentation on the middle school article be prepared for the Deliberative Session as well.

Recommendation Action on the Warrant

After review of Articles 2-5, the consensus of the Board was full recommendation of each of the articles and indicating such on the official warrant.

MOTION: Mrs. Champey motioned to recommend articles 2-5 as presented. Mrs. Aubrey seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Other Business

Driver's Education Vehicle

Mr. La Salle informed the Board that a proposed new car for driver's education was cut from the budget and the newest driver's ed car was recently totaled. The insurance payout for the car is \$10,400, not enough to purchase another new one. He went on to say that Kathy Smith has done some research and one of the District's options is to procure a sponsorship deal with a local car retailer. As part of the deal, the District would allow for some sort of advertisement on the new vehicle. Reagan Ford has offered to sell the District a 2006 Ford Taurus for \$10,000 without the advertising piece, however, Mr. La Salle thought allowing a small advertisement as a courtesy would establish a relationship with Reagan Ford for possible future purchases/sponsorship deals.

The consensus of the Board was to approve Mr. La Salle's proposal to purchase the 2006 Ford Taurus and allow for a small courtesy advertisement. Chairman Baldwin directed Mr. La Salle to move forward with the purchase.

Oversight Committee

Mr. La Salle suggested two board members sit on the oversight committees he would like to establish for the high school renovation and the middle school special education projects. The purpose of the committees is to oversee the renovation process of each project. Building experience is not required. Each board member would be involved in the decision making process, including provisions to review and approve change orders up to a specific amount of money (\$5k). Above the \$5,000 mark, the change order would kick back to the facilities committee.

Mr. La Salle listed the high school renovation team as Don Woodworth, Chuck Coker, Jim Hughes, Barbara Hopkins, Fred Urtz (Architect), Lance Whitehead (PE), George Stokinger, and a board member. He noted that the Board approved the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the design work of this project, thus this team can begin to move forward. The middle school project will need to wait until the warrant passes in March.

Mrs. Kosta suggested the curriculum portion of the middle school project begin now so they will be ahead when the project is completed. Mr. La Salle commended her suggestion and added that good planning is vital.

At the direction of Chairman Baldwin, it was agreed that all building permits would be pulled ahead of time and presented to the Board. Timing of the commencement of the renovations was also discussed, as concern regarding student safety during construction was raised. Mr. La Salle assured the Board that these items will be monitored by the oversight committees.

The Board agreed to designate Mrs. Kosta to the middle school renovation team and Mr. Mascola to the high school renovation team.

Signatures

Board members applied their signature to the official warrant, the check registers, the MS 26 (budget), and default budget documents.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the School Board will be held immediately after the Deliberative Session on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

With no further business at hand, Chairman Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Belcher, Clerk Pro Tem

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