

Timberlane Regional School District Minutes DRAFT

Type of Meeting	Tax Cap Subcommittee
Date	7/17/2025
Facilitator	Justin Krieger, Superintendent
Attendees	Justin Krieger, Alyssa Kowalczyk, Marianne Springer, Elizabeth Kosta, Karen White, Maria Watkins, Lou Broad, Laurie Herchenroder, Shawn O'Neil, Bill Coye, Sierra Dolce Absent: Chris Tardiff
Observers	none
Agenda	Previously disseminated and posted online.
Notetaker	Marianne Springer

Call to order at 6:06 pm
TOPIC: Member Introductions

Discussion:	Members introduced themselves and their constituencies, brief description of their association with Timberlane.
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TOPIC: Purpose of Committee	
Discussion:	The committee reviewed the citizen petition warrant article. Study the feasibility and impact of RSA 32:5-b. The group role is to provide information to the School Board. There are pending legislative changes to consider.

Conclusions:	N/A	
Action Items		Person Responsible / Deadline
N/A		

TOPIC: Timeline for Committee Work		
Discussion:	Presenting information to the School Board in September or October would be the middle of the budget cycle.	
Conclusions:	N/A	
Action Items Once committee research is done, select a school board meeting for the presentation.		Person Responsible / Deadline Justin Krieger, September

TOPIC: Essential Questions: What do we need to know?		
Discussion:	Justin: Three main categories of information: Law Specific to TRSD – financial history and future Other School District Experiences	
Shawn: For planning, we should consider why we are here. Historical large budget increase. Tax cap is a method to control growth and provide a circuit breaker. Laurie: At some point we should consult legal counsel. Justin: We can request that from the School Board at the appropriate time. Alyssa: Do we need to focus on a 2.5% tax cap? Bill: We could make any recommendation. Justin: Focus is to provide information to the School Board, however, we should consider tax caps in general. Liz and Laurie both mentioned the changing landscape with bills HB20 and HB374 pending governor’s signature and the need to perform due diligence with the information that is available. Liz: Recognize the value of a circuit breaker but need to be mindful of teacher retention, contracts, etc. We want to move forward and prevent future large tax changes.		
Conclusions:	We should develop list of questions tonight and determine subgroup membership.	
Action Items		Person Responsible / Deadline
N/A		

TOPIC: Organize micro teams: Who is going to find out what we need to know?	
Discussion:	We developed the attached preliminary list of questions.

Teams and Composition: Law: Justin, Shawn, Liz Other Districts with Tax Caps: Alyssa, Karen, Sierra TRSD Fiscal: Maria, Lou, Marianne, Laurie, Bill	
Conclusions:	Justin will facilitate communications with the Law subgroup. Alyssa will facilitate communications with the Other Districts with the Tax Cap subgroup. Maria will facilitate communications with the TRSD Fiscal subgroup.
Action Items	Person Responsible / Deadline
Subgroups will prepare preliminary information for the next meeting.	3 Facilitators/ August 13, 2025

TOPIC: Set committee meeting calendar	
Discussion:	Additional meeting: Will try to schedule on Thursdays to avoid conflicts with other town meetings for participants.
Conclusions:	Next meeting: Wednesday, August 13th at 6 pm.
Action Items	Person Responsible / Deadline
Provide Powerpoint from Legal that was prepared last year regarding tax cap warrant article. Create a shared folder with resources. Create folders for information from the three subgroups. Make the next meeting date, agendas, minutes available on Timberlane website.	Justin

Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.
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