

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thompson Public Schools Auditorium
Saturday, February 25, 2017
10:00 A.M.
Special Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
Kathleen Herbert
Jody Houghton
Joseph Lindley
Donna Godzik
Linda Jarmolowicz
William Witkowski

Also present were:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Neal Breen, Ian Polun, Christopher Scott, Scott Sugarman, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education and a representative from the press.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil let the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens Comments

Renee Waldron commended the Board for all their hard work and efforts. She also stated that she would like to see a Math Interventionist hired in the middle school.

Susan Esons thanked the Board of Education for everything they do. Ms. Esons had a few comments about the education in the school and suggested that the town needs to find more revenue sources outside of taxation to residents, as overspending needs to stop.

IV. New Business

A. Thompson /Thompson BOE Workers Comp

Orla McKiernan-Rafty, Town of Thomson Finance Director, proposed to the Board of Education, a chance to merge with the Town regarding Workers Comp as a way to save the Town money. Discussion was held. William Witkowski thinks the idea is good and will explore the opportunity. Dr. Jolin will check with the school attorney to see if there are any discretions to join with the Town.

V. Educational Update

A. 2017-2018 Budget Presentation/Discussion

Dr. Jolin presented the 2017-2018 budget. Discussion was held regarding school athletics, vo-ag programs, budget communication tactics, curriculum, technology, salary increases for school employees, special education, and the proposed new positions.

The Board will meet on Monday, February 27, 2017 to finalize the budget number to bring to the Board of Finance.

VI. Approval

None.

VII. Citizens' Comments

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to adjourn the meeting at 12:15pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle M. Pederson
Recording Secretary, Board of Education

BOE approval of minutes: March 13, 2017