

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Public Schools Auditorium
Monday, January 25, 2016

Special Meeting MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Barbara Macauley, Noveline Beltram, Neal Breen, William Birch, Tina Chahanovich, Megan Baker, Laurence Prentiss, Ian Polun, Heather Burns, members of the public, and employees of the Board of Education.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Barbara Macauley led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Educational Update

A. 2016-2017 Budget Presentation/Discussion

Dr. Jolin presented the 2016-2017 budget presentation. The presentation is available on school website and school Facebook page.

Discussion was held. Kathleen Herbert would like to see the possible cost savings of adding the new positions. Additional slides for the next meeting will include:

- More information regarding free and reduced lunches.
- State average for per pupil costs.
- Number of preschool students who may be enrolled if preschool offered all day.

Jody Houghton stated that the budget should align with the survey results. Ms. Houghton and Ms. Godzik stated their concerns regarding digital textbooks and student privacy.

Free all day preschool was discussed.

V. Citizens' Comments

Kirstin Forrester would like to see percentage increases in the budget presentation and would also like to see more detail regarding building repair and maintenance.

Jody Houghton asked about professional development and how do teachers apply what is being learned.

Shawn Brissette asked if there was any thought to bringing in house any outplaced students. He also asked if all Board members will have a school based email account.

The next budget meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30pm in the District Auditorium.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle M. Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved by the Board of Education:

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