

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Public Schools Ryscavage Auditorium
Thursday, February 11, 2016

Special Meeting MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:
Thomas Angelo
Donna Godzik
Kathleen Herbert
Linda Jarmolowicz
Joseph Lindley
William Witkowski

Members Absent:

Shawn Brissette
Christopher Eichner
Jody Houghton

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Barbara Macauley, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Tina Chahanovich, Megan Baker, members of the public, and employees of the Board of Education.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Joseph Lindley led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Barbara Macauley gave the Board members a handout regarding SRBI and PBIS for review.

IV. Action Items. Consideration of Approving...

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to ask the Board of Selectmen to expand the scope of the Building Committee for alternative energy, roof replacement, oil tank replacement, and athletic track replacement, and also to include and develop a list of other major projects to consider.

Motion passes. Unanimous.

V. Educational Update

A. 2016-2017 Budget Presentation/Discussion

Dr. Jolin presented the second 2016-2017 budget presentation.

Discussion was held. Suggestions were made regarding the presentation for the next meeting:

- Adding enrollment numbers under Who We Are
- How many staff members in each bargaining unit
- Add enrollment numbers to Free and Reduced Lunches slide
- Special Education cost breakdown – pie chart

Kathleen Herbert had some financial questions regarding teacher salaries, textbook increases, and the new positions. Numbers need to match up. This will be reviewed and provided at the next meeting. She would also like more special education information in the presentation.

VI. Citizens' Comments

Kerstin Forrester suggested checking the contractual benefits in comparison to the contractual salaries. She also suggested to show what costs are associated with special education.

Susanne Witkowski would like to see an emphasis on what cuts will directly affect the students.

Beth TenEyck stated that having free pre-school will make a positive difference for parents and students.

The next budget meeting will be scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30pm in the district auditorium.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

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

Minutes approved by the Board of Education: March 14, 2016