

Thompson Public Schools Joint Meeting

Thompson Board of Education Thompson Board of Finance Thompson Board of Selectmen

Thursday, March 2, 2017
Tourtellotte Memorial High School Media Center
6:00 P.M.

Special Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present BOE:

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

Members Present BOF:

Raymond Faucher
Susanne Witkowski
Rhonda Rooney
Aaron McGarry
Larry Groh, Jr.
Orla McKiernan-Raftery

Members Present BOS:

Kenneth Beausoleil
Steve Herbert
Shayna Smith

II. Discussion

A. School Bus Operations

Dr. Jolin began the meeting discussing a draft spreadsheet overviewing transportation costs for 2018-2022, created by Neal Breen, Director of Finance. Alongside was a list of all school buses which included bus age and current mileage, which all members and citizens in attendance received.

Discussion was held regarding renting the town garage, the purchasing of buses, field trips, recreation and summer programs, and ownership of school buses. Dr. Jolin stated that there were two other bids aside from DATTCO, but their bids were significantly higher.

Neal Breen will create another transportation cost analysis for the next meeting with more line items breaking down all costs. Another conjoined meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, March 9th at 6:00pm at the Thompson Public Library.

Background information of DATTCO was requested and information will be shared at the next meeting.

III. Citizens' Comments

Christine Campbell would like copies of the R.F.P.'s. Dr. Jolin stated that the attorney was dealing with the union president and they weren't public record, but will check with the attorney to see if they can be shared now. She also would like the Board to be cautious about DATTCO drivers and their statistics.

Joseph Walmsley had concerns about bus driver insurance. He also stated that 8 new buses are not needed.

Matt Degele stated that as a former bus mechanic, the buses being used should not have many major problems and should run for a very long time.

Michael Krogul stated that only 13 buses go out every day and 3 of those are vans. Mr. Krogul asked if a line item for charges from other towns for transporting students could be included in the revised spreadsheet.

William Witkowski thanked everyone for attending meeting. He stated that no decisions have been made yet and the meeting was for informational purposes only and to get everyone involved.

IV. Adjournment

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Thomas Angelo to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

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

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