

Thompson Board of Education

Special Board of Education Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Thompson Middle School Media Center
7:15pm

In attendance:

Absent:

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

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Jim Flahive, school bus drivers

I. Call to Order

William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

II. Citizens' Comments

Pat Dumas commented on a recent Facebook post from someone who had experience knowing out-sourced bus drivers and how bad the driver was to the students.

Michael Krogul - see attached statement.

Pat Dumas expressed some concerns of hers regarding privatizing.

William Witkowski stated that this is the first time the Board has seen the bid results and no analysis has been done yet.

Melinda Smith introduced Jim Flahive who has been working with the district regarding the bus bid process. Mr. Flahive stated that five contractors had interest in providing the bussing services. Three companies have been chosen to move ahead to consider from First Student, Durham, and DATTCO.

The Board and Mr. Flahive reviewed each bid and pricing. Discussion was held regarding bus driver hiring and wages, liability, performance bond pricing, bus parking and the garage, the age of the current fleet, and bus runs. Discussion was held.

Thomas Angelo would like there to be a meeting with the Board of Selectmen so they can hear the issues and discuss the town garage.

There will be a special meeting in the next week to discuss the bus parking and town garage. The Board of Selectmen will be invited to this meeting.

III. Approval
No action made.

IV. Adjournment
Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm.
Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Pederson