

Thompson Board of Education

Special Board of Education Meeting

Minutes – Budget Workshop

Monday, January 29, 2018
6:30pm

In attendance:

Absent:

Shawn Brissette
Donna Godzik
Kathleen Herbert
Linda Jarmolowicz
Joseph Lindley
Valentine Iamartino
William Witkowski

Thomas Angelo
Jody Houghton

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Megan Baker, Larry Prentiss, Christopher Scott, Scott Sugarman, William Birch, Heather Burns, Ian Polun, Scott Sugarman, TPS Employees, members of the press.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Larry Prentiss led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Educational Update

A. *Make-Up Snow Days/Discussion*

Superintendent Smith proposed to the Board of Education a change in the school calendar due to the number of snow days to make up.

Changes as follows:

February 20th – Full Instructional Day

March 9th – Full Instructional Day

March 29th – Change from half-day to full day

March 30th – Full Instructional Day

The new last day of school will be on Friday, June 15, 2018 with a teacher professional development day on Monday, June 18, 2018.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept superintendent recommendation as proposed.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

B. *2018-2019 Budget Discussion #2*

The Board was presented a draft 2018-2019 budget for discussion. The proposed budget is currently at \$18,832,593.03 or a 3.2% increase over the 2017-2018 budget.

Shawn Brissette would like to see an exact breakdown of where the increases are in the budget at the next budget workshop. Neal Breen will provide a detailed budget for the next meeting.

The next budget workshop will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

V. **Action Items**

A. *School Calendar Revision/Make-Up Snow Days Plan*

Approved earlier in meeting.

B. *APEX Contract Approval*

No action made. Approval to be made at the next meeting.

VI. **Citizens' Comments**

Joe Ptaszynski asked what is coming over into the educational budget as an operating expense as opposed to a capital item as a result of the transportation outsourcing. Kathleen Herbert gave an explanation on capital and operating expenses with the school and town regarding the bus contract.

Motion by Valentine Iamartino, seconded by Donna Godzik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: February 12, 2018