

Thompson Board of Education

Special Board of Education Meeting

Minutes – Budget Workshop
District Auditorium

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
6:30pm

In attendance: Absent:

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

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

I. Call to Order

William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Larry Prentiss led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Educational Update

A. Superintendent Smith gave the Board an update on the presentation for discussion. Shawn Brissette would like a grant comparison slide from previous school years. Bus transportation was also discussed.

Donna Godzik arrived at the meeting at 6:59pm.

- Noveline Beltram gave the board an overview of the elementary school budget highlights which includes the purchasing of ukulele's, continued reading program licensing, instructional supplies, science resources, adding a social worker and an additional reading teacher.
- Christopher Scott gave the board an overview of the middle school budget highlights which includes continuing the after school boat program, additional resources for curriculum, an after school late bus, and the request for a full time assistant principal.
- Megan Baker gave the board an overview of the high school budget highlights which include adding chrome books for grade 9, resources for AP courses, the summit platform, and completing the technology roll outs.
- William Birch reviewed the budget highlights in the facilities budget. These highlights include adding new numbering of doors internal and external, penetration guards, painting

ceiling tiles, walls and middle school student lockers. Sun control on classroom windows at the elementary school is also being considered.

Suggestions for revision of presentation:

- Add past year grants
- Slide 12, add \$ to wages
- Drop .00 in slides
- Fix bus slide 13
- Fix slides to say “eliminate” not reduce
- Slide 18 – adding .5 assistant principal
- Slide 23 – add ES music room and weight room floors

V. Action Items

APEX Contract Approval

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with APEX.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VI. Citizens' Comments

Joe Ptaszynski would like an explanation on who presents the school budget to the Board of Finance? William Witkowski replied that he may present the budget, but would like to gather as much information as possible. Mr. Ptaszynski stated that the presentation could raise more questions so be prepared.

Wendy Fusco asked why there are positons being eliminated in the high school but no positions are being added like the other schools. William Witkowski stated that the eliminated positions could change depending on the town referendum results. .

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: