

# Thompson Board of Education

## Special Board of Education Meeting

### Minutes – Budget Workshop

Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
6:30pm

In attendance:            Absent:

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

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Heather Burns, Ian Polun, Scott Sugarman, members of the public.

#### **I. Call to Order**

Vice-chairman Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Shawn Brissette led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. Citizens' Comments**

Anne Kellner, former high school paraprofessional, spoke about her concerns regarding the possible cuts of support programs and staff in the high school.

Rebecca Gatineau, class of 1997, expressed her thoughts about the high school paraprofessionals in the high school and the good impact they have on students.

Melissa Craver, former student and now a parent, also expressed the need for reading programs and support staff in the district.

Amanda LeBlanc, class of 2017, stated that the high school needs staff and programs or students will leave the district. She is grateful for the administration and the staff who supported her throughout her high school career and would hate to see the high school close.

#### **IV. Educational Update**

##### **A. 2018-2019 Budget Presentation/Discussion**

Superintendent Smith presented revised budget slides for Board feedback. Minor changes will be made to the presentation.

Scott Sugarman presented Pupil Services budget highlights which includes the expansion of social skills at the middle school, diagnostic testing, new student support services, adding a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and adding 2 Behavior Technicians.

Ian Polun presented the Curriculum Department budget highlights which includes adding summer curriculum writing and adding stipends for funding the TEAM mentor program which is no longer funded by the State.

Heather Burns presented the Technology Department budget highlights which includes a complete campus infrastructure plan, support of the Summit Learning Program at the high school, hardware re-deployment and upgrades, staff reorganization of the technology department, and adding Chrome books for grade 9 students.

William Birch presented Facilities Department budget highlights which includes middle school renovations, adding sun control in the elementary school, building numbering, new equipment, and possible reductions in electricity and oil costs.

**V. Action Items**  
**None.**

**VI. Citizens' Comments**

Ian Polun alerted the Board that the high school is prepared regarding recent school/student protesting.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Danielle Pederson  
Recording Secretary to the Board

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