

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

District Auditorium Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
6:00pm

Attending Members:
William Witkowski
Linda Jarmolowicz
Shawn Brissette
Kathleen Herbert
Jody Houghton
Donna Godzik
Thomas Angelo
Valentine Iamartino

Absent Members:
Danielle Carlson

Also in attendance:

Melinda Smith, Noveline Beltram, Heather Burns, Steve Knowlton, Larry Prentiss, Ian Polun, Robert Gentes, Megan Parrette, members of the public, employees, and students.

I. Call to Order

Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Susanne Witkowski led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Educational Update

Melinda Smith introduced the district budget with a presentation. Principals Megan Parrette, Steve Knowlton, and Noveline Beltram continued the presentation on their school budgets and Technology Director, Heather Burns, gave a presentation on the technology budget.

The Board members asked questions regarding the budgets. Discussions were held.

V. Citizens' Comments

Susan Esons had a few questions for the Board regarding the presentation, special education, and capital improvement. Discussion was held.

Matthew Polsky asked how many students are in the special education program. The correct number will be provided at the next budget meeting. Mr. Polsky also asked if there are any ways to reach out to businesses for donations of service to the district. Ms. Smith stated that the district is constantly applying for grants.

Steve Herbert asked if the budget packet could include past year budgets to show the increase over the years.

Robert Terrell asked where the status of the track replacement was. Ms. Smith stated that the focus of the building committee at this moment is the roof replacement project. The Selectmen have been talking about a campaign to possibly raise money for the track.

Mr. Herbert asked if the school budget has contingency for emergency purposes. Ms. Smith stated that there is no contingency in the 2020-2021 budget.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

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