

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## District Auditorium Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
6:00pm

**Attending Members:**

Thomas Angelo  
Shawn Brissette  
Danielle Carlson  
Donna Godzik  
Kathleen Herbert  
Jody Houghton  
Linda Jarmolowicz

**Absent Members:**

William Witkowski  
Valentine Iamartino

**Also in attendance:**

Melinda Smith, Robert Gentes, Ian Polun, Benjamin Barbour, William Birch, members of the public, district employees, and TMHS students.

**I. Call to Order**

Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Thomas Angelo led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Citizens' Comments**

None.

**IV. Educational Update**

Melinda Smith began the meeting by discussing security coverage, duties, and budget. Benjamin Barbour, Safety Coordinator, gave a quick overview of how the security team works and how investigations are dealt with. Discussion was held.

William Birch gave a presentation on the Plant and Operations of the budget. Discussion was held regarding repairs and renovations throughout the district that are proposed in the budget.

Ian Polun gave a presentation on the Curriculum department budget.

Robert Gentes presented the budgets for the high school and middle school sports, health and dental costs, transportation costs, and general education tuition.

Melinda Smith presented the federal and state grants, and other grants the district has applied for in the 2019-2020 school year. Discussion was held.

**V. Citizens' Comments**

Melanie Hatchkin asked what NAEYC was and how important it is to receive accreditation. Melinda Smith stated that NAEYC is a national assessment of the high school and it is important to earn a high score. The last report was favorable, however, there are things that need to be addressed.

Discussion was held regarding the renovation of the athletic track.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Minutes Approved: