

**THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Budget Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
6:00pm

In attendance:

Kathleen Herbert
Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
Danielle Carlson
Donna Godzik (arrived at 6:07)
Jody Houghton
Valentine Iamartino
Linda Jarmolowicz
William Witkowski

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, William Birch, Heather Burns, Robert Gentes, Shannon Grauer, Christopher Jones, Steve Knowlton, Megan Parrette, Laurence Prentiss, Ian Polun, Deb Spinelli, members of the public, and TPS employees.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Kathleen Herbert led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

IV. Educational Update

A. Winter Sports Discussion

Debra Spinelli led the discussion regarding high school sports and the precautions that would be taken by athletes and coaches to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Discussion was held amongst the Board regarding the safety of playing winter sports. Warm-ups will begin on February 12, 2021.

V. Possible Action

B. Winter Sports Approval

Motion by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Bill Witkowski, to approve the recommended plan for winter sports based on the decisions to be made by the athletic COVID committee with all the health guidelines in place for other outside schools, for internal inter-squad program based on the situation.
Roll call vote was taken: Bill Witkowski, yes – Shawn Brissette, yes – Valentine Iamartino, yes – Donna Godzik, no – Jody Houghton, yes – Linda Jarmolowicz, yes – Danielle Carlson, yes – Thomas Angelo, yes – Kathleen Herbert, yes.

Motion – Passes.

VI. 2021-2022 Budget Presentation/Discussion #1

Melinda Smith gave a presentation on the FY 2022 spending plan. The Board members made suggestions and changes to some of the slides and asked for clarifications on parts of the budget.

The next budget presentation will be held on Monday, January 25th at 6:00pm. The Pupil Services Department, Tourtellotte Memorial High School, Thompson Middle School, and Mary R. Fisher Elementary School budgets will be reviewed at this meeting.

Changes were made to the FY2022 Budget Timeline. The February 3, 2021 meeting will be held on February 5, 2021, and the February 24, 2021 meeting will be held on February 25, 2021.

VII. Citizens' Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bill Witkowski, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Minutes submitted by: Danielle M. Pederson, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: February 8, 2021

Approved