

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

District Auditorium Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020
6:00pm

Attending Members:

Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
Danielle Carlson
Kathleen Herbert
Jody Houghton
Valentine Iamartino (arrived at 6:06pm)
Linda Jarmolowicz
William Witkowski

Absent Members:

Donna Godzik

Also in attendance:

Melinda Smith, Robert Gentes, Christopher Jones, members of the public, member of the press, employees, and students.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Herbert led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Educational Update

Christopher Jones gave a presentation on the Special Education budget. Discussion was held regarding the Bradley Windham County Program, special education staffing, tuition, transportation costs, and the special education budget overall.

V. Citizens' Comments

Jessica Bolte questioned if the 2020-2021 budget is over-compensated just in case more special education students move into town. Melinda Smith stated that the special education budget is based on current numbers but the budget can be adjusted if the Board of Education directs her.

Justin Young asked for clarification regarding a few slides on the presentation and in the budget regarding special education, paraprofessionals and contracted salary increases. Discussion was held.

TMHS student Robert Terrell asked Mr. Jones if the Bradley Program is working, what are the chances of bringing more students into that program. Mr. Jones stated that it is a slow process as relationships need to be established with parents and students prior to entering the Bradley Program.

Steve Herbert asked for clarification on the 2017 column in the budget handout, if it is actual number or a budget number. Mr. Gentes stated that it is actual. Mr. Herbert also suggested that the 2021 budget include a contingency plan.

TMHS student Lindsey Worster asked what a Board Certified Behavior Analyst was. Mr. Jones gave her the essential job description.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: February 10, 2020

APPROVED