

**THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Budget Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2021  
6:00pm

In attendance:

Kathleen Herbert  
Thomas Angelo  
Shawn Brissette  
Danielle Carlson  
Donna Godzik  
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**

Danielle Carlson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Citizens' Comments**

**IV. 2021-2022 Budget Presentation/Discussion #2**

Christopher Jones presented the Special Education budget to the Board. Discussion was held on a new proposed Transition Program that Mr. Jones would like to implement at the High School. Megan Parrette presented the Tourtellotte Memorial High School budget to the Board. Increases in the budget include instructional supplies for the World Language, English, and Physical Education departments. Steve Knowlton presented the Thompson Middle School budget to the Board. Increases in the budget include supplies and new equipment for Unified Arts. Laurence Prentiss presented the Mary R. Fisher Elementary School budget to the Board. Increases in the budget are for instructional supplies. Heather Burns gave a presentation for the Technology Department. Increases to the budget include adding learning subscriptions, server replacements, network closet backup batteries, laptops and chromebooks for teachers and staff, and more Wi-Fi access points throughout the district.

**V. Citizens' Comments**

**VI. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Minutes submitted by: Danielle M. Pederson, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 8, 2021