

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Virtual via Zoom

Present: Paul Zator, Michael Maziarz, Christine Sposito, Leah Osborn, Stephania Dawiczuk, Rachel Riendeau, Lauren Haberman

Others Present: Barbara Wilson-Superintendent, Beverly Ciurylo-Finance Director, Kara Levenduski-Principal, Karen Caputo-Assistant Principal, Eileen Paulhus, Steven Piro, Kristen Bacon, Alexis Stolarun, Jesse Tremblay, Amanda White, Ashlee P., Angelo Trombino, Keri Costanzo, Kat MacDonald, Jennifer Andrews, Shawn Dousis, Rachel Koener, Cynthia Larsen, Michelle Shive

- I. Call to Order** - Chair, M. Maziarz called the special meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and reviewed the rules of conduct for a virtual meeting.

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING: *This meeting will be held virtually. Board members and staff who are joining virtually will generally remain on mute except when speaking or voting and will generally be keeping video of themselves turned on throughout the meeting. If a member of the public creates an audio or video disruption, he/she/they may be manually ejected from the meeting upon recommendation of staff or the Board of Education Chairperson. Public comments during the meeting can be submitted through the "Chat" feature or wave your hand and request your microphone to be unmuted.*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- III. Comments from the Audience** *(Please identify yourself by providing your name and address) Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes. Please identify yourself by providing your name and address. For public comments during this virtual meeting, please follow instructions above. During this portion it is the role of the board to listen, allow voice to members of the audience, and make notes. We will then use that information together with any additional gathered information to appropriately respond at a later time. We now open up for Audience of Citizens.*

No audience comments were received.

- IV. Executive Session for the Purpose of 2024-2025 Budget Discussion** - R. Riendeau MOVED, L. Osborn SECONDED to enter into executive session at 6:12 PM. MOTION CARRIES 6:0.

Board members returned to regular session at 7:14 PM.

- V. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the [2024-2025 Draft Budget](#)** - L. Osborn MOVED, R. Riendeau SECONDED to approve a reduction to the 2024-2025 Budget of \$299,929. MOTION CARRIES 6:1. L. Haberman voted no.

- VI. Adjournment** - P. Zator MOVED, C. Sposito SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 7:15. MOTION CARRIES 6:0.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Morey, Interim Clerk