The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:30 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz.

PRESENT:  Ms. Schwartz, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bond, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT:  Mr. Conklin

Also Present:  Mr. Xanthis, Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Bellarosa, Community, Media and Staff

Also Absent:  Media (THR)

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mrs. Schwartz made the regular announcements regarding emergency egress, no smoking, public participation, and audiotaping of the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

After the pledge to the flag, a moment of silence was given for Jean DePew who passed away on April 14, 2018. Ms. DePew was a retired Middle School Assistant Principal.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Muller, Mr. Lown, Mr. Schimpf and Mr. Zefi all spoke regarding their support or disapproval of the current proposed budget.

Mr. Xanthis also spoke for Mr. Feller who raised concerns at the previous meeting relating to the STAR Exemption. Mr. Xanthis stated that the Assessor’s office would be happy to come in to speak to the Board about the potential of updating the current rate. He also stated that Mr. Feller wanted the Board to look at how much the retirees, who now sub, are making and possibly increase it.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mrs. Raymond presented to the Board a PowerPoint Presentation showing how much money would need to be cut if the tax levy was lowered. She gave examples of the current 4.26% as well as 3.90%, 3.75%, 3.5%, and a 3.0% tax levy. She stated she gave the Board the amounts for the 2.5% tax levy as well. Mrs. Raymond explained all of the positions that would be added for the 2018-2019 school year. There was discussion amongst the Board as to what they ultimately wanted to do. Some voiced their continued concerns about the amount of the budget. Board members went around the table to discuss what their concerns are. Some asked Mrs. Raymond for additional information which she stated she would give to them. The overall consensus was to remove the Technology Instructional Teacher.

A motion was made by Mr. Wesenberg to accept the budget as presented, Mr. Byrne seconded the motion.

Voting:  YES: 4  NO: 1 – Mrs. Schwartz Abstain: 1 – Mr. Bond until further information is received.  [4:1:1]
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Simerson
District Clerk

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