MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, December 9, 2024 Town Hall Main Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair, called the meeting to order (7:04 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary; Dr. Laura Francese; Jeff Hughes (in-person); Steven Lawrence, Vice Chair; Dr. Michael Strambler, and Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Vonda Tencza, Superintendent; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services/ Operations; Analisa Sherman, Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

<u>2025/26 Superintendent Budget Proposal</u> – Superintendent Tencza presented the 2025/26 budget proposal, which reflected a 6.11% increase over the 2024/25 Board approved budget. Salaries and benefits are 81% of the total budget and consistent with the prior year. The key drivers remain consistent with past budgets and include:

- ➤ District Strategic Plan focus
- > Salary and Benefit Increases
- ➤ Continued Increasing Enrollment and Increasing Student Needs Special Education
- > Increasing Transportation Needs
- > Technology improvements and replacements
- > Reallocation of Resources

It was noted that the overall increase would be 4.52% without the four (4) additional sped paras and the additional grade level teacher added in August. Board members were asked to forward any questions regarding the budget to the Superintendent prior to the December 16 meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:50 PM)

Mr. Lawrence

Second by Dr. Strambler

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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.