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Farouk Rajab, Board Chairman called the special meeting to order at 6:33p.m. Members present were Heidi Simmons, Secretary, Chris Donahue, Sara Baker, Kevin Agnello and Craig Esposito. Board Member Absent: Dan Kelley. Also present were Mary Anne Butler, Superintendent Schools; Recording Secretary, Ana de Oliveira and members of the administration staff and citizens.

**Comments from Citizens Regarding Items on the Agenda**

There were no comments from citizens.

**Budget Discussion**

Farouk Rajab, Chair requested a motion to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget.

The following motion was made by Craig Esposito and seconded by Sara Baker:

**Motion 1:** To approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Superintendent's Budget

<b>Vote:</b>	Farouk Rajab – Yes	Kevin Agnello - Yes
	Craig Esposito – Yes	Sara Baker - Yes
	Heidi Simmons – Yes	Chris Donahue – No

**Motion - Passes**

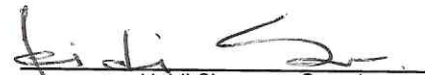
Craig Esposito had questions regarding the insurance line item. Mary Anne Butler, Superintendent answered his question and further explained the recent \$125,000 reduction in the proposed budget. Chris Donahue thanked the Superintendent, Alisha Stripling and administration for their work in preparing the budget. Mr. Donahue voiced he is not comfortable with the budget number therefore voted no to approve the proposed budget. Sara Baker asked if Mr. Donahue needed more time to review it to change his vote. Mr. Donahue voiced his concerns adding he would like to see no new hires. Farouk Rajab, Chair thanked all for their hard work in putting together the proposed budget. He added the proposed budget would now move forward to the Board of Finance.

**Adjournment**

The following motion was made by Sara Baker and seconded by Craig Esposito:

**Motion 2:** To adjourn at 6:40 p.m.  
All: Aye

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Heidi Simmons, Secretary