



City of Derby

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT AND TAXATION

SPECIAL TAX BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY March 18, 2025

6:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING

**Jennifer Desroches
Colleen Germain-Ezzo
Michael Gray
Kristen Mancini-Wright
Tina Parelli-Silkoff**

**Bhamini Patel
Jose Rivera
Vacancy
Ashley Simon
Laura Wabno**

1 & 2.Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Germain-Ezzo at 6:01 P.M.
followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Roll Call:

**Present Ms. Desroches, Ms. Germain-Ezzo, Mr. Gray, Ms. Mancini-Wright,
Ms. Parelli-Silkoff, Ms. Patel, Mr. Rivera, Ms. Simon and Ms. Wabno.**

4. Additions, Deletions, Corrections and Adoption of the Agenda

There should be none as this is a Special Meeting.

5. Public Portion

Mayor DiMartino stated that he was at the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Germain-Ezzo thanked him for attending.

6. Approval of Minutes from 3.11.25

Ms. Germain-Ezzo wanted a correction made to her comments, she asked that it read as follows: We ask that the public keep all personal complaints and derogatory comments out of the limelight. We want to hear from you and by the end of the meeting we are in a better place. We all want to hear your comments, but this is not an opportunity for a dialogue, so I would welcome your comments and questions, and hopefully by the end of the night all the questions will be answered.

A motion to accept this correction was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Desroches. Motion Carried. The correction to the minutes will be made and placed on file.

7. Board of Education 2025-2026 Budget Presentation

Dr. Conway stated that for this budget, they have a plan and hopefully the citizens will not be affected by their 2.91% increase. In preparing the budget, the most difficult part was predicting the transit students, this year so far we have 10 less students that have been outplaced. Just as an example, one student moved to another district, however the parents

are still living in Derby, so the student may come back, so we kept the funding for this student. This funding was approved at the February 20th board meeting
On the Cost Centers, there are changes, where 3 teachers have been moved to different positions, one teacher was moved to an instructional coach. And the cost of electricity has gone up. 8 positions have been moved from the Operating Budget to the Grants Budget, and 7 positions have been moved from the Grants Budget to the Operating Budget. Special Education Average costs for 20 students in 24-25 is \$119,026, and for 25-26 with 18 students the average cost is \$151,828. The 25 enrollments have gone down, and this is due to the change of age for the new kindergarten class. We would like to put 2% into a non-lapsing account. Waiting for the Governor's budget which should be final by June. Dr. Conway asked questions, and said this budget should help the taxpayers of Derby.

8. Police Department Transfer Requests

**Transfer from: Account (4201-51610-225) \$24,273.00 Patrolman Wages
Transfer to: Account (4201-51630-000) \$24,273.00 Overtime Wages**

**A Motion to accept was made by Ms. Parelli-Silkoff and seconded by Ms. Mancini-Wright.
Motion Carried**

**Transfer from: Account (4201-51610-215) \$35,068.00 Detective Sergeant Wages
Transfer to: Account (4201-51630-000) \$35,068.00 Overtime Wages**

A Motion to accept was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Rivera. Motion Carried.

**Transfer from: Account (4201-51610-220) \$31,650.00 Sergeant Wages
Transfer to: Account (4201-51630-000) \$31,650.00 Overtime Wages**

A Motion to accept was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Desroches. Motion Carried.

9. Adjournment

**A Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Patel and seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion Carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Pitney

Recording Secretary

***These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Apportionment & Taxation at their regular meeting.**