

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, May 9, 2016

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
Christopher Eichner
Kathleen Herbert
Donna Godzik
Linda Jarmolowicz
Joseph Lindley
William Witkowski

Jody Houghton

Student/Board Liaisons:

Taylor Ware
Emily Szamocki

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Tina Chahanovich, William Birch, Barbara Macauley, Noveline Beltram, Ian Polun, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Tourtellotte Memorial High School students Emily Szamocki and Taylor Ware led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Megan Baker recognized Taylor Ware for receiving a certificate from the Connecticut Association of Schools for the Governor's Scholar semifinalist.

Megan Baker also recognized Emily Szamocki for receiving a certificate from the Secretary of State for her hard work and dedication to her community.

Students from the high school music department handed out flyers to the Board members with upcoming events, including singing at Day Kimball on Wednesday, May 11th.

Sylvie Hanshaw mentioned the high school textbooks are very old and if there was any discussion regarding them.

IV. Committee Reports

Communications Sub-Committee:

The committee met prior to the regular meeting regarding facts about the school budget and how to get residents to vote.

Policy Sub-Committee:

The committee met prior to the regular meeting and also in April to discuss the High School dress code, weighted grades, and preschool tuition.

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to bring to the full Board as Action Item F, an implementation of the Connecticut State Department of Education's school readiness tuition guideline scale.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Goals Sub-Committee:

The committee met prior to the regular meeting. Joseph Lindley stated that Dr. Jolin will revise his 4 goals as suggested by the committee by August 1st.

Tourtellotte Board of Trustees:

Joseph Lindley stated the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees went out to bid for the museum floor area to be refinished and the reconstruction of the Ryscavage auditorium doors.

June 25, 2016 will be the Hall of Fame Ceremony held in the Ryscavage auditorium.

V. Educational Up-Date

- Enrollment and Update - The May enrollment has remained the same since April at 1,018 students.
- Noveline Beltram and Kristen Stokowski gave a presentation on Camp Invention which is coming to Mary R. Fisher Elementary school from June 27-July 1, 2016.
- High School Liaison Report – Spirit week is being held this week in the high school. The prom is going to be held on May 13, 2016 at the Putnam National Golf. The Scholarship Award's Night is being held on May 26, 2016 at 6:00pm. The Athletic Awards Banquet is May 31, 2016 at 6:30. The softball team made States and are at 11 wins and 4 losses and the high school baseball team is at 4 wins and 6 losses. The National Honor Society inducted 5 new members in April.

VI. Discussion

A. High School Student Dress Code

The Board received recommendations from the high school regarding changes to the high school student dress code. No action was taken at this time. More discussion will be held at the June meeting.

VII. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Joseph Lindley abstained. Christopher Eichner voted present.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner voted present.

Healthy Food Certification

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to approve Dr. Jolin to sign the Healthy Food Certification as presented.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner voted present.

Superintendent Goals

Tabled to the June meeting.

2016-2017 School Calendar

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar as presented.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner voted no.

Resignation – Sarah Healey, TMHS Teacher

Motion by Joseph Lindley, Thomas Angelo, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept with extreme regret, the resignation of Sarah Healey.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Preschool Tuition

Motion by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to implement the Connecticut State Department of Education’s school readiness tuition guideline scale.

Roll call vote was taken. Christopher Eichner – no, Kathleen Herbert – yes, Donna Godzik – yes, Joseph Lindley – yes, William Witkowski – yes, Linda Jarmolowicz – yes, Thomas Angelo – yes, Shawn Brissette – yes.

Motion – passes.

VIII. Correspondence

A letter from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges was mentioned regarding the high schools continued accreditation.

IX. Citizens’ Comments

David Dalpe stated the high school golf team has a record of 6 wins and 0 losses.

Megan Baker thanked those Board members who attended Integrity Plus and the National Honor Society Induction ceremony.

Donna Godzik said the high school music department spring concert was amazing and they are going to the Great East Festival and hopefully they will come back with a medal.

A policy sub-committee meeting will be held next month regarding student dress code, athletic transportation, school lunches, and perfect attendance.

A finance sub-committee meeting will also be scheduled prior to the regular June Board meeting.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Donna Godzik, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. Pederson

Recording Secretary to the Board

BOE Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2016