

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, June 13, 2016

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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

Student/Board Liaisons:

Taylor Ware

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Neal Breen, 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 Taylor Ware and Jordon Sroczenski led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Megan Baker thanked everyone for the suggestion of the Senior Walk as it went very well.

Noveline Beltram thanked Joe Lindley and Joe Iamartino for their participation in the Tour of Thompson field trip with the second graders.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Sub-Committee: no report

B. The Tourtellotte Trust is getting things in order for the renovation work. The fire inspection for the new Ryscavage Auditorium doors will be happening soon. The window project has started and will be looking for requests for quotations during the summer.

The Athletic Hall of Fame is June 25th in the Ryscavage Auditorium.

The Alumni Banquet will be in October 2016.

V. Educational Up-Date

- Enrollment and Update – The enrollment has increased from 1,018 students in May to 1,021 in June 2016.
- Administration, Operations and Maintenance – Dr. Jolin thanked the residents who voted to pass the referendum on the oil spill. He also stated that the new oil tank has been installed.
- High School Liaison Report – Taylor Ware stated that the high school golf team finished third in the state and won the ECC small division. Baseball finished 7-13 and softball finished 13-7. The track team had

two students qualify for states. On May 20th the music department went to the Great East Music Festival where the band received high gold and chorus received platinum. The Leadership Team had a conference at Hyde School and they also spoke to the 8th graders about the transition from middle to high school. Taylor thanked the Board members for attending the Awards night. High School graduation is on June 16th at 6:00pm.

VI. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting as corrected.

Motion – Passes. Jody Houghton abstained.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Line Item Budget Transfers

To be tabled to the July meeting.

IDEA Grant Submission

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the IDEA Grant Submission as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous

Superintendent Goals

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to accept the Superintendent Goals as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

High School Dress Code

Discussion was held.

Dress code will go before the Policy Sub-Committee one more time before the full Board approves.

No action taken.

Potential 2016-2017 Budget Cuts

Discussion was held regarding recalling the non-tenure teachers who are considered in a teaching shortage area.

Possible cuts to make for the 2016-2017 include:

- Reduction in Phys. Ed salary due to a retirement
- Preschool teacher salary (proposed new position)
- Preschool para salary (proposed new position)
- Social Worker (proposed new position)
- Special Ed placements and tuition
- District health insurance
- Building Repair and Maintenance
- Curriculum supplies

Other considerations:

- Pay-to-play (athletics)
- Bus route consolidation
- Distance Learning
- School reconfiguration
- Multiple grade/subject classrooms

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the superintendent to review the state list of teacher shortage areas and under his discretion, recall the teachers for those positions.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Maternity Leave – Danielle Wallace, MRFES Teacher

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to approve the maternity leave of Danielle Wallace, MRFES Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Resignation – Adam Child, TMHS Teacher

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the resignation of Adam Child, TMHS Math Teacher.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Noveline Beltram stated that the elementary school PTO does an incredible job every year and the organization is to be much appreciated for the things they can provide for the students.

Deb Spinelli stated that to have pay-to-play in this district won't be as much of a financial gain as people think.

Thomas Angelo stated that the PTO pays for the One-Call System and the messages regarding the votes, the school did not pay for any of those announcements.

Donna Godzik stated there is a new Facebook page called Thompson Proud that she would like people to have a look at.

Town Meeting is being held on June 20, 2016 with a referendum date for June 28, 2016.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. Pederson

Recording Secretary to the Board

BOE Approval of Minutes: