

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Thompson Middle School Media Center

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

7:00 P.M.

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Members Present:

Robert Bentley  
Christopher Eichner  
Kathleen Herbert  
Jacqueline Lajoie  
Joseph Lindley  
Donna Lynch  
William Witkowski

Members Absent:

Ellen Corrado  
Thomas Angelo

Student/Board Liaisons:

Taylor Ware

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Neal Breen, Tina Chahanovich, Laurence Prentiss, Ian Polun, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Thompson Middle School students Jonathon Bickelhaupt and Jesse Trottier led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Citizens' Comments

Julie Scrapchansky expressed a concern regarding an assault that happened in school.

Stephanie Surette, Richard Surette and Jeff Lueth requested a small change to bus route #5. They asked if the school bus could go down Parker Road for a student pickup, rather than picking up that student at the end of the street. Dr. Jolin will look into this.

#### IV. Committee Reports

Finance sub-committee met prior to the regular meeting. Discussion was regarding the facility use fees. The finance sub-committee would like to re-review this policy with the policy sub-committee.

Joseph Lindley stated a bid will be going out soon regarding the new windows in the 1909 Tourtellotte building.

#### V. Educational Up-Date

##### A. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment and Update: The enrollment has remained at 1,001 students since September.
- Administration, Operations and Maintenance – Christopher Eichner complimented those administrators who attended Community Day. Joseph Lindley would like a curriculum timeline from Mr. Polun.
- Facility Use Update – Tabled until November.
- Bus Routes Update – Changes are available online.
- Solar Power Update – Noel Lafayette provided a Solar Power update.
- Taylor Ware stated the boys and girls soccer teams have made it to States. October 15<sup>th</sup> is Expo Night. Homelessness Awareness is being held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### VI. Action Items

*Minutes – Special Meeting, September 14, 2015*

**Motion** by Robert Bentley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting on September 14, 2015.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*2016 Board of Education Meeting Dates*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Robert Bentley, to approve the 2016 Board of Education Meeting Dates as presented.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*Non-Union Salary Increases*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jaqueline Lajoie, to approve a 2.3% salary increase for Kerry Tetreault, Transportation Coordinator.

**Roll call vote was taken. Eichner, yes. Bentley, no. Lindley, abstained. Witkowski, no. Lynch, no. Lajoie, abstained. Herbert, no.**

**Motion fails.**

**Motion** by Robert Bentley, seconded by Donna Lynch, to approve a 1% salary increase for Kerry Tetreault, Transportation Coordinator.

**Roll call vote was taken. Eichner, abstained. Bentley, yes. Lindley, yes. Witkowski, yes. Lynch, yes. Lajoie, yes. Herbert, yes.**

**Motion passes.**

**Motion** by Robert Bentley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve a 2.3% salary increase for Lisa Durand, Food Services Director.

**Roll call vote was taken. Eichner, yes. Bentley, yes. Lindley, yes. Witkowski, yes. Lynch, yes. Lajoie, yes. Herbert, yes.**

**Motion passes. Unanimous.**

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Robert Bentley, to approve a 2.3% salary increase for Dannette Seney, IT Technician.

**Roll call vote was taken. Eichner, yes. Bentley, yes. Lindley, yes. Witkowski, yes. Lynch, yes. Lajoie, yes. Herbert, yes.**

**Motion passes. Unanimous.**

**Motion** by Robert Bentley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve a 2.3% salary increase for Tamara Zimmer, Occupational Therapist.

**Roll call vote was taken. Herbert, yes. Lajoie, yes. Lynch, yes. Witkowski, yes. Lindley, yes. Bentley, yes. Eichner, yes.**

**Motion passes. Unanimous.**

**VII. Correspondence**

A letter from the First Selectman was read regarding the facility use fees and the Thompson Recreation Department.

**VIII. Citizens' Comments**

Maryanne Mason stated her bus route was recently changed in the morning and was wondering if the transportation route can change for the afternoon run as well. This will be reviewed.

Robert Lavalley expressed concerns regarding school safety. Dr. Jolin stated that the district will continue to enforce a zero tolerance policy.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Robert Bentley, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle M. Pederson  
Recording Secretary to the Board