

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, February 14, 2017

7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

Thomas Angelo

Shawn Brissette

Jody Houghton

Donna Godzik

Linda Jarmolowicz

Joseph Lindley

William Witkowski

Members Absent:

Christopher Eichner

Kathleen Herbert

Student Liaison:

Jordon Sroczenski

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Ian Polun, Noveline Beltram, Neal Breen, William Birch, Christopher Scott, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Thompson Middle School students Anthony Vajcovec, Katelyn Forcier and Brayden Cutler led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. These students are the top three finalists for the 2017 Thompson Middle School Geography Bee.

III. Citizens' Comments

Megan Baker recognized Robert Terrell as the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Student Spotlight of the Month for February.

IV. Committee Report

Joseph Lindley stated that the American Legion will be using the school fields to play ball again.

V. Educational Update

Dr. Jolin thanked all the parents, teachers, administrators, Mr. Birch and custodians for dealing with the snow.

Dr. Jolin also stated that the government budget is going to likely put a shift on the 2017-2018 school budget, which would cause a significant impact on the efforts the Board of Education has already made for next year.

The February 1st enrollment remains the same at 995 students since January.

Noveline Beltram handed out a flyer from math night which was well attended by families.

Christopher Scott stated that 8th grader Anthony Vajcovec may be going to the next round of the Geography Bee.

The girls' basketball team made it to the first round of finals versus Woodstock. He also stated that the cheerleader's abilities have grown since the beginning of the school year regarding tumbling and pyramid building. Parent conferences went well and spring sports will begin in 6 weeks.

Student Liaison Jordon Sroczenski:

- New teachers are applying to become ECE accredited educators
- February 10, 2017 – Program of Studies will be given to students
- February 15, 2017 - Student Leadership field trip
- February 16, 2017 – TMHS Blood Drive from 8am to 2pm
- February 17, 2017 – Meet and greet with 8th graders at St. Joseph School
- February 18, 2017 - Samantha Morin was recently named the Division III All Star Cheerleader after competition. She will be recognized at the ECC Cheerleading Championship at Waterford High School
- February 20, 2017 - FBLA Ice Skating field trip
- February 22, 2017 - Drama Club – Student written, produced and directed play called The MARVELous DC Super Show will be held in the Ryscavage Auditorium at 6:30pm
- March 3, 2017 - TMHS Choral students to see Eric Whitacre and to perform at UCONN
- March 5, 2017 – Breakfast at American Legion to benefit the music department
- March 7, 2017 – Parent/teacher conferences

Scott Sugarman mentioned a survey that was sent out to parents to gauge a better understanding of communication strategies regarding special education. The results are in the Pupil Services report.

VI. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2017.

Motion – Withdrawn.

All Minutes will be tabled to the March regular meeting.

Approval of 2017-2018 Budget to be sent to the Town

Approval tabled to the March regular meeting.

A budget workshop will be held in the Thompson Schools Auditorium at 10:00am on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

TPS Mission and Vision Statement

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept the TPS Mission and Vision Statement as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Pupil Services 4-year Strategic Operating Plan

Approval tabled to the March regular meeting.

Scott Sugarman gave a presentation on the Pupil Services Strategic Operating Plan. Discussion was held.

Revisions to District Policy Manual

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the revisions to the District Policy Manual as presented.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo opposed.

Resignation – Teresa Shelhorn, TMHS Teacher

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept the resignation of Teresa Shelhorn.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

A letter from TPS Unions regarding Health Plans for Employees was read. A meeting with the state consultants and the union presidents will be set up to discuss options and to have questions answered.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Lori Chesanek asked that the Vision and Mission Statemen be put on the website.

Megan Baker recognized Ian Polun for receiving the Staff Recognition Award for the quarter.

Joseph Lindley thanked the high school music department for singing the National Anthem at the funeral services for Norman Babbitt.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. Pederson

Recording Secretary to the Board

BOE Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2017