

**THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thompson Middle School Media Center**

**Monday, January 11, 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, Tina Chahanovich, William Birch, Barbara Macauley, Noveline Beltram, Ian Polun, Laurence Prentiss, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

National Junior Honor Society Officers led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Citizens' Comments**

None.

**IV. Committee Reports**

The Policy Sub-Committee met prior to the regular meeting. Discussion was held regarding policy BCA – Board Organizational Meetings. The Sub-Committee recommends to the full Board to revise the current policy eliminating term limits for Board officers. The Sub-Committee also discussed the Weighted Grades policy.

**Motion** by Jody Houghton, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add an action item F - Revision to Policy BCA as recommended by the Policy Sub-Committee.

**Motion – passes. Unanimous.**

The Finance Sub-Committee met prior to the regular meeting. Discussion was held regarding the current budget.

Kathleen Herbert stated that a budget public forum will be held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium and encourages all residents to attend.

Joseph Lindley stated that the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees is holding a meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 at the Thompson Library.

**V. Educational Up-Date**

- Enrollment and Update - The enrollment has increased to 1,014 students in January from 1,012 students in December.
- Administration, Operations and Maintenance – Dr. Jolin stated an on-line survey will be available to all regarding the school budget.
- Budget Booklet – Justin Martin gave a draft budget booklet to the Board to review. The booklet serves as another way to get budget information out to the public.

- Security and Solar Update – William Birch provided the Board with updates on the school security plan which includes the installation of surveillance cameras both internally and externally.
- Student Liaison Report – Taylor Ware provided an update. Basketball season has started. More college acceptance letters have been arriving. Seniors are participating in job shadowing. Midnight Madness is being held on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## VI. Action Items

### *Minutes*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular meeting.

**Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo abstained.**

### *Calendar Changes*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the calendar changes to the high school semester one exam schedule as presented.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

### *Program of Studies Changes*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the changes to the 2016-2017 Program of Studies as presented by Ms. Baker.

**Motion – Passes. Jody Houghton voted no.**

### *Maternity Leave Request – Jennifer Errichetti, Speech/Language Pathologist*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the maternity leave request for Jennifer Errichetti.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

### *Retirements*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept with extreme regret the retirement of Sandra Andersen, MRFES Teacher and Anne Kellner, TMHS Paraprofessional.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Noveline Beltram stated that Ms. Andersen will be missed as she has built a lot of friendships with the teachers in the elementary school.

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the recommended change to policy BCA to eliminate term limits for Board officers.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

## VII. Correspondence

None.

## VIII. Citizens' Comments

Ian Polun stated that the teachers in the high school are very talented and they deserve credit for all they do.

Thomas Angelo thanked everyone who supported his family after the passing of his father. On behalf of his family, they will be making a donation to the Thompson Schools athletic department.

Kathleen Herbert would like to see stand up signs for handicapped spaces in the high school parking lot. Mr. Birch will have this taken care of.

## IX. Adjournment

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion—Passed. Unanimous.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Danielle M. Pederson  
 Recording Secretary to the Board  
 BOE Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2016