

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

January 9, 2017

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Christopher Eichner
Kathleen Herbert
Jody Houghton
Donna Godzik
Linda Jarmolowicz
Joseph Lindley
William Witkowski

Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette

Student Liaison:

Jordon Sroczenski

Also present was:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Tourtellotte Memorial High School student Maegan Roy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Jordon Sroczenski recognized Maegan Roy as the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Student Spotlight of the Month for January 2017.

Michael Krogul asked what process would be used to compare the bus transportation RFP's to what is currently spent on transportation. The bus RFP's are due Tuesday, January 10th at 11:00am.

IV. Committee Report

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to move as action item E, for the Board of Education to approve the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees recommendation for the proposed 2018 budget, \$50,000 - split as \$45,000 for general repair and \$5,000 for museum and artwork repair.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

V. Educational Update

The enrollment for January 1, 2017 is at 995 students, up one student from December 2016.

FY 18 Budget Update – Mr. Breen does have a December 2016 finance statement which will be sent to the Board members.

A draft 2017-2018 budget will be given to the Board members on Wednesday, January 11th. The budget presentation will be on January 17, 2017.

Budget Survey – there will be another budget survey sent to Thompson parents and residents.

Mr. Chris Scott – The band and chorus winter concert went well. Spirit week was before the holiday break which was capped with a pep rally where all students behaved. The principal for the day was also successful. Student Alexis Casto was chosen and she was able to interview people around the school, have her own badge, see past teachers, and make a rule for the day.

Scott Sugarman announced the birth of his son, Cameron Miles Sugarman, born December 1, 2016. He also stated that Medicaid billing reimbursement is on a positive projector so far. He also stated that there has been a cost savings in out-of-district placements.

Noveline Beltram reported that the elementary school concert was once again successful and a DVD will be on sale. Ms. Beltram also reported that MRFES received a \$5,000 grant from International Paper. The General Manager was in attendance to talk more about the grant and was pleased to give this to the school.

Camp Invention will be at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School for June 2017.

Student Liaison Report - NHJ collecting toiletries for TEEG.

January 6th – FBLA College Panel

January 12th – Promotions Committee Meeting

January 14th – CMEA All Eastern Regional Music Festival (rescheduled date)

January 15th – FBLA Providence Bruins game

January 16th – No School

January 19th – Semester Ends

January 20th – Spaghetti Supper – G7 Catering 5-7pm

January 20-25th – Mid-Terms

January 28th – All State Music Festival - Ensemble

VI. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner, Donna Godzik and Kathleen Herbert abstained.

2017-2018 High School Program of Studies

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the 2017-2018 High School Program of Studies as presented with the changes recommended by Jody Houghton. Changes include to separate three courses in the music section as an academic level, grades 9-11, and a separate description for honors for only the seniors, to avoid taking the course multiple times and have a different weighted GPA.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Resignation

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the resignation of Ashley Fournier, MRFES Paraprofessional.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Retirement

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the retirement with great regret and with best wishes, of Kathleen Faucher, MRFES Paraprofessional.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Board of Trustees Request

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, that the Board of Education approve the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees recommendation put forth for the proposed 2018 budget, \$50,000, split \$45,000 for general repair and \$5,000 for museum and artwork repair.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

Two letters from Janet Blanchette, Chairman of the Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, were read regarding two public informational meetings. Brownfield Grant meeting on February 21, 2017 and The River Mill meeting on January 26, 2017.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Noveline Beltram stated that the elementary school is hosting a family fun math night on January 25, 2017.

Megan Baker shared sentiment regarding the return of teacher, Sarah Kiff, after the passing of her husband, and the gratefulness Ms. Kiff has for the support of everyone. Ms. Baker also stated how three communities came together to support each other after the passing of Ryan French.

Donna Godzik thanked everyone for being there for the French family.

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 8:04p.m.

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

BOE Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2017