

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, December 14, 2015

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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

Thomas Angelo

Student/Board Liaisons:

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

Mary R. Fisher Elementary School singing group Fortezza led the meeting with a PBIS song and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Committee Reports

Joseph Lindley stated that the art work in the memorial room is still being cycled out.

A Finance Sub-Committee and Policy-Sub Committee meeting will be scheduled in January.

V. Educational Up-Date

- Enrollment and Update - The enrollment has remained the same since November at 1,012 students.
- Curriculum Update – Curriculum Director, Ian Polun, gave a brief presentation on curriculum updates.
- Student Liaison Report – Basketball and indoor track have started. Seniors have been receiving college acceptance letters. A pep-rally will be held on Tuesday, December 22nd.

VI. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Special Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 Special Meeting.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding – School Nurses

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for School Nurses as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Amendment to Board Organizational Meeting Policy – Re-Election of Board Chair

No Action Made.

Election of Board of Education Officers

Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, nominated William Witkowski as Chair of the Board of Education.

No further nominations were made.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to close nominations.

Motion to elect William Witkowski as Chair of the Board – Passed. Unanimous.

Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Christopher Eichner, nominated Kathleen Herbert as Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

Joseph Lindley, seconded by Shawn Brissette, nominated Thomas Angelo as Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to close nominations.

Vote was taken.

Motion to elect Kathleen Herbert as Vice-Chair of the Board – Passes.

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to nominate Donna Godzik as Secretary of the Board of Education.

No further nominations were made.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to close nominations.

Motion to elect Donna Godzik as Secretary of the Board – Passed. Unanimous.

Request to Thompson Board of Selectmen to Pursue Litigation Regarding Oil Spill (Green Environmental)

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to approve a formal request to the Board of Selectmen to pursue litigation regarding the oil spill with Green Environmental.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Appointment of Danielle Lefebvre to Killingly Agriculture Consultant Committee

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to appoint Danielle Lefebvre to the Killingly Agriculture Consultant Committee as requested by Kenneth Couture, Department Coordinator.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Paternity Leave Request – Steven DiFormato

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to approve Paternity Leave Request for Steven DiFormato, TMS Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Maternity Leave Requests – Keri Procko, Lauryn Langlois, Nicole Kinsella

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the Maternity Leave request for Keri Procko, TMHS teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to accept the Maternity Leave request by Lauryn Langlois, TMS teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by William Witkowski, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the Maternity Leave of Nicole Kinsella, MRFES teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Retirement – George Jewell

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve with sincere regret and profound appreciation, the retirement of George Jewell, TMS teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Michael Krogul welcomed the new Board members and stated that during the budget cuts a run was supposed to be brought in house and wants to know more about it.

Christopher Eichner had budget questions regarding accounts which will be addressed at the January finance-sub meeting.

Joseph Lindley stated he and his wife attended the Tourtellotte Expo Night and the kids did a great job. He also stated that he and about 100 other veterans were honored to receive the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Medal where the TMHS choir quartet sang the National Anthem and did fabulous job and he was proud to be a part of it. Jody Houghton would like to discuss the weighted grade policy at the January policy-sub meeting.

Pat Dumas stated that while the Transportation Coordinator was on leave, the substitute coordinator did a great job keeping everything in order and everyone safe.

William Witkowski stated that the Board will need to look into the solar project and a sub-committee needs to be formed.

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 8:32p.m.

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