

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Thomas Angelo
William Witkowski

Student Liaisons:

Jordon Sroczenski
Taylor Ware

Also present was:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mary R. Fisher Elementary School students Macy and Logan Rawson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Ian Polun stated that Anthony Vajcovec has made it to the State Geography Bee on March 31st, and will compete with other students across the State.

IV. Committee Report

Joseph Lindley stated that the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees approached Crestwood to change investment strategies, who directed the Trustees not to make any changes.

V. Educational Update

The March 1st enrollment remains constant at 995 students.

Dr. Jolin stated that the Board of Finance has started deliberations on the school budget.

Noveline Beltram stated the kindergarten and preschool registrations for next year went well. She also stated that she received a letter from NAYEC, and accreditation has been maintained for the elementary school. The Art Show and Ice Cream Social is on Friday, March 17th.

Christopher Scott stated that the Thompson Middle School had a successful Read Across America event. The winter sports awards ceremony went well and spring sports start soon. The Variety Show was successful and was great to

see the talent in the district. Mr. Scott mentioned a new grade recovery program which has been created for students who are failing in the middle school.

Megan Baker stated that on Saturday, March 11th, nine sophomore students attended the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanity Symposium. She also stated that the faculty and students participated in the Faculty/Student Basketball Game. Parent conferences were very successful.

Scott Sugarman reported that the special education department is in the middle of a mandatory State file audit. He also stated that his department is going through an internal file clean-up. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet in the next week to discuss the support and monitoring of the Pupil Services 4-Year Strategic Operating Plan.

Student Liaison Taylor Ware:

March 16th - Dodge Ball Tournament

March 22nd - Financial Aid Workshop

March 24th - Professional Development – No School

March 29th – Science CAPT Testing for sophomores

Student Liaison Jordon Sroczenski:

March 20th – Start-up of new peer-to-peer tutoring, more information to come next month

March 29th – Drop-In Staff Leadership Meeting

Diversity Club Documentary

March 31st – HS and MS Quarter Ends

CMEA Conference All State Concert

VI. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2017 as presented.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 17, 2017 with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 23, 2017 with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 30, 2017 as presented.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 6, 2017 as presented.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 14, 2017 with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 14, 2017 with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Kathleen Herbert and Christopher Eichner abstained.

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 25, 2017 with a minor change.

Motion – Passes. Kathleen Herbert abstained. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 27, 2017 with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eicher voted Present.

Pupil Services 4-year Strategic Operating Plan

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the Strategic Operating Plan as presented with an amendment to include the District Vision and Mission Statement.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner voted Present.

2017-2018 School Calendar

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar as presented.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner voted Present.

Workers Comp/Liability Insurance Agreement

Tabled to the April Board meeting.

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Donna Godzik asked for an update on the health insurance meeting that was held with the unions and consultants. Neal Breen stated that a representative from USI met with the unions on March 1st and any information or summary will be shared with the entire Board when completed.

Joseph Lindley thanked everyone who was involved with the Read Across America. Mr. Lindley would also like the policy committee to review the facility use policy regarding guidelines, regulations for renting the school for outside activities or events, and the type of organizations who are allowed to rent the facilities.

Taylor Ware stated that Craig Breitsprecher, Financial Advisor from Valark Financial Services, is coming to the Thompson Schools on March 22nd to help parents better understand college funding options. Ms. Ware also announced that the Student Spotlight of the Month for March is Anne Nyland, and she will be at the next meeting for recognition, along with an April nominated student.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

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

Approved by the BOE: April 3, 2017