

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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

Student Liaisons:

Jordon Sroczenski
Taylor Ware

Also present was:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Tourtellotte Memorial High School students Katherine Heffernan and Anne Nyland led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Ian Polun introduced Anne Nyland as the Student Spotlight of the Month for March, and Katherine Heffernan as the Student Spotlight of the Month for April.

IV. Committee Report

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add to Action Item F – Updating Policy Manual and Updating Numbering System.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Joseph Lindley stated that work still continues in the Tourtellotte Building.

V. Educational Update

The April 1st enrollment is at 989 students, down six since March 1st. The main cause of the enrollment decline is families moving out of town.

Joseph Lindley recognized Scott Sugarman and Kathleen Lundy for their work on the recent special education State audit. Mr. Lindley would like to see a current ED503. Dr. Jolin will look into this as the 2016 report may not be available.

Noveline Beltram gave the Board members a brochure from the elementary art show, which turned out to be a great event. The staff and parents were thanked for their help and support. Ms. Beltram also stated that the Bedtime Stories event was well attended and enjoyable. Ms. Beltram thanked Ian Polun for a well-planned professional development day for the administrators which recently took place.

Laurence Prentiss stated that 7th grader Anthony Vajcovek participated in the State Geography Bee on March 31st. The faculty vs. student volleyball game is being held on Friday, April 7th. The middle school PTO is holding a Color-a-Thon on April 29th.

Student Liaison Taylor Ware:

- April 4th – Softball, Tourtellotte vs. St. Bernard
Golf, Tourtellotte vs. Waterford
- April 5th – Baseball, Tourtellotte vs St. Bernard
Track, Tourtellotte vs. Woodstock
PSAT and SAT Testing for 11th, 10th, and 9th graders
- April 6th – Career/Job Shadow Day, College Fair
- April 7th – Welcoming Walkthrough
Annual Mr. Tourtellotte Competition
- April 21st - Report cards sent home

Student Liaison Jordon Sroczenski:

- April 19th – FBLA Job Shadow Field Trip
Leadership Team 8th Grade Transition Assembly
Integrity Plus Awards 6:00pm
- April 26th – TMHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00pm
- May 2nd – Financial Reality Fair at QVCC
- May 3rd – Formal Spring Concert

Ian Polun stated the Pop's Concert was a great show and Kate Anderson was recently awarded the TMHS Staff Member of the Quarter. Mr. Polun recognized Joe Julian and Emma Fahey who were selected to receive the High School Arts Award and will be attending a banquet on April 4th.

Scott Sugarman reported to the Board regarding the recent audit. Mr. Sugarman stated that the out-of-district number is at 16 with potential to transfer 2 students back into the Thompson schools.

VI. Action Items

A. Minutes

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Combined Meeting of the Boards (BOF, BOS, BOE) on March 2, 2017.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner abstained.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Combined Meeting of the Boards (BOF, BOS, BOE) on March 9, 2017.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner abstained.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on March 13, 2017 with a small addition to VIII.

Motion – Passes. William Witkowski and Thomas Angelo abstained.

B. Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to authorize the superintendent to distribute contract non-renewal letters to non-tenured teachers.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo opposed.

C. *Agreement with Town for LAP/WC Insurance*

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Joseph Lindley, for the Board of Education to enter into an agreement with the Town for Liability and Property Insurance and Workman’s Comp Insurance.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner abstained.

D. **Motion** by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to reject the school bus contract bids pursuant to January 10, 2017 Request for Proposals.

Motion – Passes. Christopher Eichner abstained.

E. **Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jody Houghton, to authorize the Superintendent of School to re-bid school bus proposals with specific options for the Town of Thompson to purchase, own, and service school buses to be approved by the Thompson Public Schools.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo opposed.

F. **Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to authorize Shipman and Goodwin to update the entire policy manual, separating mandated and school policies, while renumbering the policy manual for easy referencing.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Citizens’ Comments

Christopher Eichner stated that he is hearing the State may pass its budget in June or July.

Thomas Angelo asked if middle school student liaisons could be a part of the Board. Bill Witkowski will need to look into this. An 8th grade update could be added to each agenda.

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 8:14p.m.

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

BOE approved: May 8, 2017