

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, August 8, 2016

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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

Thomas Angelo

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Ian Polun, Neal Breen, William Birch, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

David Dalpe led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Citizens' Comments

Theodore Smith of Woodstock, CT asked for a copy of the high school curriculum regarding financial literacy for seniors. Mr. Smith stated that he would also like to see homogeneous grouping in the high school, would like to see the curriculum evaluated every three years and set it every ten years, and would like to see an effort to make a program for the gifted students.

IV. Educational Update

Dr. Jolin stated that there are many summer projects in the works including the installation of a fence at the elementary playground and also the middle school gym and locker rooms are being painted. He also stated all of the teaching vacancies are being filled with qualified teachers.

High School graduation date was discussed. The date may be set at the September Board meeting. Ms. Baker suggested to meet with the high school project graduation committee prior to the regular meeting.

V. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Elementary School Student Handbook

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the 2016-2017 Mary R. Fisher Elementary School Student Handbook with changes to be made subject to attorney review.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

High School Student Handbook

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the 2016-2017 Tourtellotte Memorial High School Student Handbook with changes to be made subject to attorney review.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Resignations

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the resignation of Julie Hemeon, Thompson Middle School Spanish Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the resignation of Tina Chahanovich, Thompson Middle School Principal with sincere and profound regret.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Maternity Leave

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept the maternity leave of Emily Sousa.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Appointments

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to appoint Christopher Scott as Thompson Middle School Principal.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Appointments

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to appoint Scott Sugarman as Pupil Services Director.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VI. Citizens' Comments

Joseph Lindley stated he would like to be a part of freshman orientation again this year to talk about the Tourtellotte family. Shawn Brissette would like to have an alternative energy meeting. There will be one scheduled before the September Board meeting.

Donna Godzik stated that she is getting a lot of feedback regarding the website and getting the school budget information out to the public. Dr. Jolin mentioned that Justin Martin is working on a comprehensive communications plan and will share with the Board.

Dr. Jolin stated that he would like to see the industrial technology teaching position brought back into the middle school curriculum instead of filling the middle school Spanish position.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49p.m.

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

BOE Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2016