

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, September 12, 2016

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Members Absent:

Also present was:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

High School Board/Student Liaisons Taylor Ware and Jordon Sroczenski led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Theodore Smith stated that he would 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. Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee met prior to the regular meeting. Kathleen Herbert stated that there will be discussion regarding the budget transfers later in the meeting.

Joseph Lindley stated that he will send the Board an update on projects that went on over the summer at the Tourtellotte Building.

Thomas Angelo stated that there was a Board table at the middle school open house. Parents were able to ask questions and give comments regarding the schools.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to add to Action Item G resignation, and to Action Item H tuition reimbursement.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous

V. Educational Update

Noveline Beltram thanked the town and Board of Education for getting the budget passed. She stated the new reading program is exciting and a great addition. She also stated that the first day of school went well and the open house was successful.

Taylor Ware reported that the freshman orientation went well as it was a more personal experience. September 15th is a homelessness awareness assembly and senior college financial aid night. September 21st marks peace day and there will be an open house and expo night from 6-8pm.

Jordon Sroczenski reported that September 25th will be the Thompson Community Day where the music department will be attending and performing. Friday, October 14th is career day and homecoming. October 15th is Alumni homecoming, Alumni soccer or basketball game, and also a concert with previous music members.

Christopher Scott thanked the faculty and committee members for welcoming him into the district. He stated that the first day of school was amazing due to the faculty being prepared. Open house was successful. Sports will begin with soccer games on the 22nd. The first Cross Country meet is on the 21st in Killingly. Mr. Scott mentioned an anti-bullying assembly for the high school and grades 7 and 8 on October 27th.

Enrollment

The September 1st enrollment for the district was at 1,015 students.

VI. Action Items

Minutes

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Budget Transfer

To be tabled.

Middle School Student/Parent Handbook

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to accept the Thompson Middle School Student/Parent Handbook. Motion amended to approve handbook subject to district policy review on dress code.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

High School Graduation Date

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to set the high school graduation date on the 185th day of school, Monday, June 19, 2016. This does not set a precedence.

Motion – Passes.

Secretary Contract

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the secretaries' contract as presented.

Joseph Lindley, Donna Godzik, Thomas Angelo, Shawn Brissette and Bill Witkowski voted yes.

Jody Houghton, Kathleen Herbert and Christopher Eichner voted no.

Linda Jarmolowicz abstained.

Motion- Passes.

Custodian Contract

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the custodian contract as presented.

Motion – Passes. Donna Godzik abstained.

Resignation

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the resignation of Shayna Mariotti, MRFES teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Tuition Reimbursement

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, accept the tuition reimbursement for Megan Baker.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Citizens' Comments

David Dalpe would like to see student enrollment history. Dr. Jolin will gather that information. He would also like to see the cell phone policy to be reviewed at the next policy meeting.

Jody Houghton asked if Thompson met the minimum hours of instructional time. Dr. Jolin will look into this. Ms. Houghton would also like to know how many gifted and talented students are in the district.

Joseph Lindley stated the freshman orientation went very well.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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

BOE Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2016