

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Thompson Middle School Media Center

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

7:00 P.M.

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

Thomas Angelo  
Christopher Eichner  
Kathleen Herbert  
Jody Houghton  
Donna Godzik  
Linda Jarmolowicz  
William Witkowski

Members Absent:

Shawn Brissette  
Joseph Lindley

Student/Board Liaisons:

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, 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

Thompson Middle School students Molly Walsh and Jack Merrill led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Citizens' Comments

High School student Amanda Leblanc gave the Board a draft of suggested changes to the high school dress code. The Board will send the proposal to the policy sub-committee for review.

#### IV. Committee Reports

None.

#### V. Educational Up-Date

- Enrollment and Update – The enrollment has decreased from 1,021 students in March to 1,018 students in April. Dr. Jolin stated oil tank replacement is moving along and making good progress. He also stated that the mock car crash is approaching and students from Marianapolis will be participating this year.
- Student Liaison Report – none.

#### VI. Discussion

- Preschool Enrollment/Tuition – Noveline Beltram gave an update on the preschool enrollment and tuition costs. The suggested goals for the preschool program is to increase enrollment to create 24 new slots, to increase the number of students whose families cannot afford \$300 per month by offering sliding scale, and increase the number of students to form 3 AM/PM classrooms with an increased ratio of typical peers.  
A policy sub-committee meeting will be scheduled after April vacation to discuss further.

#### VII. Action Items

*Minutes*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular meeting.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*High School Graduation Date*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Donna Godzik, to set the high school graduation date on June 15, 2016.

**Roll call vote was taken. Christopher Eichner – no, Jody Houghton – no, Donna Godzik – no, William Witkowski – no, Linda Jarmolowicz – no, Thomas Angelo – no, Kathleen Herbert – no.**

**Motion – Fails.**

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to set the high school graduation date on June 16, 2016.

**Roll call vote was taken. Kathleen Herbert – yes, Thomas Angelo – no, Linda Jarmolowicz – yes, William Witkowski – yes, Donna Godzik – no, Jody Houghton – yes, Christopher Eichner – yes.**

**Motion – passes.**

*2016-2017 School Calendar*

**Tabled to the May meeting.**

*Leave of Absence – Sarah Healey*

**Motion** by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Jody Houghton, to deny the Leave of Absence request for Sarah Healey.

**Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo and Christopher Eichner Opposed.**

**VIII. Correspondence**

None.

**IX. Citizens' Comments**

Noveline Beltram stated that Camp Invention will be occurring at the Mary R. Fisher School at the end of June and the Director of the Camp would like to do a small presentation to the Board.

Mr. Tourtellotte will be held on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

TMHS teacher Katie Jambard stated Nation Honor Society induction will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Christopher Eichner asked for the names, assignments and the cost of salaries/benefit packages of the teachers who will be laid off.

Thomas Angelo stated that the student/faculty basketball game recently which was well attended and he was honored to be referee.

**X. 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 8:34 p.m.

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

BOE Approval of Minutes: