

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, May 11, 2015

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Thomas Angelo
Robert Bentley
Christopher Eichner
Jacqueline Lajoie (arrived at 7:09)
Joseph Lindley
Donna Lynch
William Witkowski

Members Absent:

Kathleen Herbert
Ellen Corrado

Student/Board Liaisons:

Emily Szamocki
Marissa Ware

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Neal Breen, Tina Chahanovich, Barbara Macauley, Daniel Pisaturo, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Tourtellotte Memorial High School student Emily Szamocki led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Noveline Beltram welcomed everyone to the Elementary School Art Show and Ice Cream Social which will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015. She also invited the Board to Destiny Africa on May 12, 2015.

Daniel Pisaturo stated Integrity Plus is on May 20, 2015.

Sean Brissette stated the Board of Finance meeting was a good turnout. Mr. Brissette asked if the Board agenda could have an "old business" item on it.

IV. Committee Reports

Robert Bentley reported on the Finance Sub-Committee which met prior to the regular meeting. He stated that the current budget is in a deficit of about \$200,000. The 2015-2016 budget was discussed and possible cuts will be discussed at a future meeting.

V. Educational Up-Date

A. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment and Update: The enrollment has increased by five students from 1,010 in April to 1,015 in May.
- Website Update – Justin Martin gave a presentation on the new school website.
- 2015-2016 Budget Update – The Board of Finance cut \$125,000 from the 2015-2016 budget and the Board will be addressing the cuts soon.
- High School Student/Board Liaison Update – Emily Szamocki stated the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was a success and welcomed 7 new students. The mock car crash was also a success.

The Junior/Senior Prom was held on May 1, 2015. The teacher appreciation breakfast was on May 8, 2015, and the music department had a great Spring Concert.

VI. Action Items

Minutes – Regular Meeting, April 6, 2015

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Robert Bentley, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015, as amended.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo and Christopher Eichner abstained.

2015-2016 School Calendar

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jaqueline Lajoie, to accept the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

High School Puerto Rico Trip

Motion by Donna Lynch, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to approve the high school trip to Puerto Rico in keeping with established Board of Education policies.

Motion - Passed. Unanimous.

Retirement – Doris Lafontaine

Motion by Robert Bentley, second Jacqueline Lajoie, to approve the retirement of Doris Lafontaine, cafeteria employee.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

Resignations – Laurie Wasielewski and Jennifer Gargiulo, TMS Teachers

Motion by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Robert Bentley, to approve the resignations of Thompson Middle School Teachers, Laurie Wasielewski and Jennifer Gargiulo.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Michael Krogul stated the bus drivers would like to sit with the Negotiating Committee.

Debra Spinelli stated all 18 schools came into agreement with the ECC.

Barbara Macauley thanked the Board for their continued support for PBIS.

Daniel Pisaturo thanked Justin Martin for all his work in the district.

Joseph Lindley stated that Deb Spinelli, other Athletic Directors, and Principals put a lot of work into the ECC problem and they came up with a good solution.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Robert Bentley, seconded by Donna Lynch, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.m.

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

Minutes Approved by the BOE – June 8, 2015