

**THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thompson Middle School Media Center**

**Monday, June 8, 2015**

**6:30 P.M.**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Thomas Angelo  
Christopher Eichner  
Kathleen Herbert  
Jacqueline Lajoie  
Joseph Lindley  
Donna Lynch  
William Witkowski

Robert Bentley  
Ellen Corrado

Student/Board Liaisons:

Emily Szamocki

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.

The Board voted to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issue- Acting High School Principal Contract/Performance at 6:31pm.

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jacqueline Lajoie, to enter into Executive Session.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

The Board invited the following individual into the Executive Session: Dr. Michael Jolin

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:05pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Fortezza singers led the meeting with God Bless America and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Citizens' Comments**

Michael Joyce thanked the Board for their support over the past three years with the NEASC accreditation process.

Mary Poulin stated that the elementary school playgrounds temporary construction fence needs to be replaced.

Barbara Macauley stated that a PBIS video is available on the school website.

Michael Krogul clarified that the bus driver petitioning at the Town Hall at the budget referendum was doing so as an individual, not an employee.

**IV. Committee Reports**

Kathleen Herbert stated the Finance Sub-Committee committee met prior to the regular meeting. The current budget is at a deficit at around \$200,000 but will possibly break even at the end of the school year. The deficit is the result of special education obligated expenses.

Joseph Lindley stated new doors were installed in the Ryscavage Auditorium. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is on June 20, 2015. He also stated the Scholarship Night was very successful.

## V. Educational Up-Date

### A. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment and Update: The enrollment has remained at 1,015 students since May 2015.
- 2015-2016 Budget Update: Town meeting is on June 9, 2015 at the Thompson Public Library. The referendum is June 16, 2015 from 6am to 8pm.
- Administrator Reorganization Plan: Tabled to the July meeting.
- High School Student/Board Liaison Report: Emily Szamocki reported - Sports Banquet was on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Awards and Scholarship Night was on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Music Banquet was on June 4<sup>th</sup>, End of the Year Assembly was on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and High School Graduation is on June 18, 2015.

## VI. Action Items

*Minutes – Regular Meeting, May 11, 2015*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jacqueline Lajoie, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting on May 11, 2015.

**Motion – Passes. Kathleen Herbert abstained.**

*District Plan of Strategic Intent*

**Motion** by Donna Lynch, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to accept the District Plan of Strategic Intent as presented.

**Motion – Withdrawn by Donna Lynch, seconded by Thomas Angelo.**

**To be tabled to the July meeting.**

*IDEA Grant Submission*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to approve the IDEA Grant Submission as presented.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

*Carl Perkins Innovation Grant Submissions*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to approve the Carl Perkins Innovation Grant Submissions as presented.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

*Leave of Absence Request – Sarah Healey, TMHS Teacher*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to accept the leave of absence request for Sarah Healey for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

*Retirement – Daniel Pisaturo, High School Principal*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Jacqueline Lajoie, to accept the retirement Daniel Pisaturo.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

## VII. Correspondence

A letter to Noveline Beltram was read from the Ladies Auxiliary.

A letter to the Board from Grade 3 was read regarding their recycling efforts.

## VIII. Citizens' Comments

Daniel Pisaturo thanked the Board, superintendent, and the community for their support and friendship over the last 16 years.

Lori Chesanek thanked Joe Lindley and the Historical Society for the Tour of Thompson trip. The students and staff had a great time.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Donna Lynch, seconded by Jaqueline Lajoie, to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion—Passed. Unanimous.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:53p.m.

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

BOE Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2015