

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Thompson Middle School Media Center

Thursday, July 02, 2015

6:00 P.M.

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Thomas Angelo  
Robert Bentley  
Ellen Corrado  
Christopher Eichner  
Kathleen Herbert  
Joseph Lindley  
Donna Lynch  
William Witkowski

Jacqueline Lajoie

Also present was:

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

#### II. Citizens' Comments

Sandy Cox thanked everyone for voting.

Linda Jarmolowicz expressed concern regarding students walking to bus stops as it becomes dangerous considering road hazards, before sunrise, and with registered sex offenders in town.

#### III. Discussion – 2015-2016 Budget

Dr. Jolin explained how the Board of Education needs to find ways to cut \$300,000 from the education budget for the 2015-2016 school year. A list of possible cuts was provided to the Board.

Discussion was held regarding the fees for organizations using the building.

Joseph Lindley stated that he is opposed to any cuts that will affect the students.

The current facility use policy will need to be revisited.

Joseph Lindley summarized the following recommendations for budget cuts:

1.0 Secretary	\$53,000
Special Education	\$50,000
Transportation	\$38,000
Facilities	\$70,000 - additional charge

The Special Education budget was discussed.

Kathleen Herbert asked to add the following cuts:

Special Education	\$50,000 additional
.5 A/P Clerk	\$27,000
Supplies	\$20,000

Neal Breen will get concrete numbers on the proposed cuts and the Board will review the list at its July 13, 2015 regular meeting.

#### IV. Action Items

##### *District Plan of Strategic Intent*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Lynch, to approve the District Plan of Strategic Intent as presented.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

##### *Administrator Reorganization*

**Motion** by Donna Lynch, seconded by Robert Bentley, to approve Dr. Jolin's option #1 in the administrator reorganization, keeping 3 full time Principals, a .4 Curriculum Director, .5 Elementary Assistant Principal, .5 Middle School Assistant Principal, and a .4 High School Assistant Principal with the possibility of going to a .5 Curriculum Director and .5 High School Assistant Principal should funds be available.

**Motion – Passes. Kathleen Herbert voted no.**

##### *2015-2016 Budget Cuts*

**No Action. To be tabled to the July 13, 2015 meeting.**

##### *Recall Non-Tenured Lay-Off Letters*

**Motion** by Donna Lynch, second Robert Bentley, to recall the non-tenured teachers that were laid off.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

##### *Resignation – Ronald Springer, TMS Principal*

**Motion** by Christopher Eichner, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to approve the resignation of Thompson Middle School Principal, Ronald Springer.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

##### *Appointments*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Christopher Eichner, to appoint Megan Baker as High School Principal, Tina Chahanovich as Middle School Principal, and Laurence Prentiss as .5 Middle and .5 Elementary Assistant Principal.

**Motion – Passed. Unanimous.**

#### V. 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 7:28p.m.

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

Approved by the BOE: August 10, 2015