

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thompson Middle School Media Center
Monday, August 10, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Robert Bentley
Ellen Corrado
Christopher Eichner
Kathleen Herbert
Jacqueline Lajoie
Joseph Lindley
Donna Lynch
William Witkowski

Thomas Angelo

Also present were:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, William Birch, Neal Breen, Tina Chahanovich, Barbara Macauley, Laurence Prentiss, members of the Public, employees of the Board of Education and a representative from the press.

II. Citizens' Comments

Michael Krogul asked if the Board was aware of the broken down bus.

III. Committee Reports

The Policy Sub-Committee met at 6:00 and reviewed the facility use fee schedule.

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded Ellen Corrado, to add the recommendation from the policy sub-committee to the action item G.

Motion passes - Unanimous.

The Finance Sub-Committee met at 6:30 where they discussed the proposed 2015-2016 budget cuts/adjustments to be approved by the Board.

IV. Educational Update

V. Action Items. Consideration of Approving...

A. Minutes

June 8, 2015 Special Meeting

Motion by Christopher Eichner, second by Jacqueline Lajoie, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 special meeting.

Motion – Passes. Robert Bentley and Ellen Corrado abstained.

June 18, 2015 Special Meeting

Motion by Donna Lynch, second Kathleen Herbert, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 special meeting.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous. Ellen Corrado, Robert Bentley, and Christopher Eichner abstained.

June 23, 2015 Special Meeting

Tabled to September

July 2, 2015 Special Meeting

Motion by Donna Lynch, second Robert Bentley, to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2015 special meeting as amended.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

July 20, 2015 Special Meeting

Motion by Christopher Eichner, second Jaqueline Lajoie, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 special meeting.

Motion – Passed. Robert Bentley abstained.

B. 2015-2016 Student Handbooks

Motion by Ellen Corrado, second Christopher Eichner, to approve the 2015-2016 Student Handbooks, adding PBIS language into the Middle School Handbook.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

C. 2015-2016 Professional Learning and Evaluation Plan

Motion by Joseph Lindley, second Robert Bentley, to approve the 2015-2016 Professional Learning and Evaluation Plan.

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

D. 2015-2016 Revised Budget/Cuts

Motion by Joseph Lindley, second Jaqueline Lajoie, to approve the 2015-2016 revised budget cuts as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Summary of Proposed FY 16 Budget Cuts / Adjustments

School /Department	Amount	Explanation
Special Education	100,000 35,000 9,900	Out-of-District Placements reduction in non-salary line items Special Ed Bus Aide
Mary R. Fisher	13,200 7,365	elimination of 2 Cafeteria Aides salary change - new Assistant Principal
TMS	10,000	salary change - new Principal
TMHS	10,000 14,354 2,780 1,500	reduction in various non-salary line items charge Communications Academy equipment to grant - just determined last week new Art teacher salary less than budgeted reduction in administrative travel line (Pisaturo retirement)
Curriculum	20,000	reduction in Math textbooks line
Transportation	33,000	fuel and salary savings resulting from: elimination of two Ellis transfer buses - use group stops enforcing walking distance for TMS & TMHS bring Spec Ed bus route back in-house Note: savings net of need for replacement wheelchair van (~\$22k)
District-Wide	42,000	Reduce Accounts Payable position from 1.0 to .5 FTE (original estimate excluded insurance)
Other	8,901	net savings from adj. to various salary and non-salary lines
Total >	\$308,000	

Motion – Passed. Unanimous.

- E. Maternity Leave – Shayna Mariotti, MRFES Teacher
Motion by Joseph Lindley, second Robert Bentley, to approve the maternity leave of Shayna Mariotti.
Motion – Passed. Unanimous.
- F. Resignations
Motion by Joseph Lindley, second Kathleen Herbert, to approve the resignations of Kathleen Charette, Head Nurse, Michelle Opalenik, TMHS Teacher, and Elaine Kompel, MRFES Teacher.
Motion – Passed. Unanimous.
- G. Facility Use Policy Fees
Motion by Donna Lynch, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to increase the facility user fees for groups D and E on the current facility use schedule as follows:
Cafeteria - \$15
Cafeteria w/Kitchen - \$25
Classroom - \$10
Gymnasium - \$50
Meeting Areas - \$15
Auditorium - \$100
- Motion – Passes. Ellen Corrado opposed.**

VI. Correspondence
None.

VII. Citizens' Comment

Scott Antenson asked what fee category the St. Joseph School would be. This will be looked into.
Kirstin Forrester asked about the cuts on math textbooks and expressed disagreement with the facility charge increase to the recreation department.
Joe Ptaszynski asked what the historical building usage by organization is and what the anticipated revenue would be for increasing facility fees. Neal Breen stated there is no historical record of revenues that has been taken in. Mr. Druzinski also questioned if there is intent to renegotiate outplaced students or bring them back into the district, and will they need any additional support.
Donna Godzik asked if the Recreation Department surplus can be looked into.
Megan Baker thanked all who were involved in maintaining all staff including instructional and secretarial.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Robert Bentley, seconded by Ellen Corrado, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary, Board of Education

BOE Approved: September 14, 2015