

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Public Schools Auditorium

Monday, June 12, 2017

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:

Members Absent:

Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
William Witkowski
Kathleen Herbert
Jody Houghton
Donna Godzik
Linda Jarmolowicz
Joseph Lindley

Christopher Eichner

Student Liaisons:

Jordon Sroczenski
Taylor Ware

Also present was:

Dr. Jolin, Megan Baker, Ian Polun, Noveline Beltram, Neal Breen, William Birch, Christopher Scott, Melinda Smith, Scott Sugarman, members of the public, employees of the Board of Education, members of the press.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Scott Sugarman led the meeting into the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Michael Krogul thanked Dr. Jolin for his time serving the Thompson Public Schools and wished him luck on his retirement.

IV. Committee Report

Joseph Lindley reported that Thomas Angelo is the new president of the Alumni Association. The Board of Trustees had a final contract signed for the window replacement project.

Thomas Angelo thanked Joe Lindley and members of the Alumni Association for their involvement, and that he is proud to serve as president.

V. Educational Update

The June 2017 student enrollment is at 986 students, down 3 students from May 2017.

Jordon Sroczenski and Taylor Ware:

- May 29th – Memorial Day Celebration

- May 30th – Music Banquet
- May 31st – Athletic Banquet
- June 1st – Scholarship and Award Night
- Student Council Elections were held
- June 12th – Yearbook Dedication to Ian Polun
- Staff recognition went to Mr. Jan Duprey
- June 12th – Senior Walk
- June 13th – Exams begin
- June 19th – High School Graduation

Noveline Beltram thanked Dr. Jolin for his years spent in Thompson. Ms. Beltram thanked Mr. Lindley for helping with the Tour of Thompson for the 2nd graders. The PBIS grant just finished up, and the Mystic Aquarium has given the elementary school a grant to continue field post studies through the program.

Christopher Scott thanked Dr. Jolin for his help and guidance through his first year as principal. Angela Newell was recognized by Senator Flexor for an essay regarding the community. The 8th graders completed a town-wide clean up, Mrs. Moylan 5th grade class donated stuffed animals to children at Day Kimball, NJHS raised over \$3,000 for the Relay-for-Life. The boys' baseball team were co-QVC champs. The girls' track team beat the school record and are State champions. 8th Grade Moving-Up ceremony is June 16th at 6:00.

Megan Baker thanked Dr. Jolin for his support and all that he provided for her. She also thanked everyone for their participation in the district wide “living flag” Memorial Day ceremony.

Scott Sugarman thanked Dr. Jolin for a good year together. Mr. Sugarman mentioned a possible endowment for special education that will need to be looked into. Mr. Sugarman would also like the policy committee to look into revising or eliminating the taping of PPT's policy.

Ian Polun and Bill Birch also thanked Dr. Jolin for his time spent in Thompson.

VI. Action Items

Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 8, 2017

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular board meeting as presented.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo abstained.

Minutes - Special Meeting – May 15, 2017

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 special meeting as presented.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo abstained.

Food Service Charging Policy

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the charging policy as presented pending correction and revision by the attorney and the Superintendent.

Motion – Passes. Linda Jarmolowicz and Kathleen Herbert voted no.

Healthy Food Certification

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the Healthy Food Certification effective July 1, 2017 as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Letter of Commitment for Budget Stabilization Program

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the Letter of Commitment for Budget Stabilization Program between the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency and the Town of Thompson and Thompson Board of Education.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Maternity Leave – Michela Parenteau – MRFES Teacher

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to accept the maternity leave of Michela Parenteau.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Tuition Reimbursement – Scott Sugarman

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept the tuition reimbursement request from Scott Sugarman.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Resolution authorizing Superintendent to place audio and/or video recordings of full Thompson BOE meetings on the district website or other social media.

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to authorize Superintendent to place audio and/or video recordings of full Thompson BOE meetings on the district website or other social media.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Discussion

2017-2018 Budget – Discussion was held regarding the recent educational budget cuts.

The next referendum is being held on June 20th.

VIII. Correspondence

A letter to Scott Sugarman was discussed regarding a recent student file review audit which demonstrated full compliance with IDEA. Mr. Sugarman thanked his staff and administrative assistant for their hard work.

IX. Citizens' Comments

Michael Krogul commented on the school budget and how all the money is all spent. He would like more dialogue at board meetings to have openness which may get more people involved in the budget process.

Jessica Bolte suggested to have more meetings on Saturdays that could possibly get more parents to attend meetings.

Shawn Brissette stated that the accounting system the school uses could have a program which will enable the school budget to be posted online for full review by Thompson citizens.

More discussion was held.

Donna Godzik congratulated Taylor Ware and wished her luck in college. Ms. Godzik also mentioned that Michela Godzik and Josh Houghton made the American Legions Auxiliary Girls' and Boys' State. She also thanked Thomas Angelo for emceeding the sports banquet, and the music department raised a lot of money at a recent fund raiser.

William Witkowski thanked the administrators and staff for a great school year.

High School graduation is on June 19th at 6:00pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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

Approved by the BOE: August 14, 2017