

Thompson Board of Education

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Minutes

Monday, November 13, 2017
Thompson Middle School Media Center
7:00pm

In attendance:

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

Absent:

Christopher Eichner

Student Liaisons:

Jordon Sroczenski
Emily Angelo

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, Bill Birch, Neal Breen, Heather Burns, Christopher Scott, Laurence Prentiss, Neal Breen, members of the Board of Education, members of the public.

I. Call to Order

Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Award Recipients – Lily Peckham, Dylan Bryniarski, Katherine Poirier, Rhiannon Martin, Joseph Bogoslofski and Michaela Godzik

III. Citizens' Comments

Statement asked to be placed in minutes by Michael Krogul, "I am asking the BOE to have the opening of RFP bid for bus privatization recorded and posted onto the BOE website. I also would like to suggest to the BOE members to post the operating costs for current bus transportation. As I have stated previously, I believe there is a lack of transparency by the BOE and their budget numbers. I believe if the BOE were to post these bids on privatization it would go a long way in showing the town there is transparency."

Jordon Sroczenski introduced Eric Parafinowicz as Student Spotlight for the Month of October.

IV. Committee Update

- Alumni Association Update – Alumni weekend was very well attended.
- Tourtellotte Board of Trustees - The window project in the Historical Building is continuing.

V. Educational Update

A. Superintendent/Administrator Update

- Enrollment Update – November 1st enrollment is at 1,013 students. Ms. Smith updated the Board on the residency/truancy officer activity.

- EBEC: Inquiry Based Science Instruction Presentation – Ronald Kahn and Ronald DeFronzo presented to the Board an inquiry based science program for k-8 students, which would begin in the second semester.
- Strategic Plan Review – Melinda Smith presented a draft strategic plan for the Board review and approve.
- Non-Resident Tuition – Melinda Smith presented a non-resident tuition rate worksheet for the Board to review and approve.

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Jodi Houghton, to move Non-Resident Tuition to Action Item H.
Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

➤ Administrator Reports –

- Ms. Beltram: Introduced Erica Poplawski who received the 2017 Parental Recognition Involvement Award.
 The Grade 4 students went to Mystic Seaport on a field coast study and had a great time!
 Breakfast program is going well with over half of the school participating.
 Ms. Beltram thanked Mr. Lindley and Mr. Prentiss for a great Veterans’ Day Program
- Mr. Scott: Thanked Mr. Lindley, Mr. Leclerc, Mr. Oakes and Student Council for the good Veterans’ Day Program.
 The Grab and Go Breakfast begins November 16th.
 The 8th Graders took PSAT’s on November 2nd.
- Ms. Baker: Stated the high school will be hosting a hands-off CPR training.
 A Troop D/faculty/community softball game will be held in March 2018.
 Ms. Baker also thanked John Sharpe for his help in a situation with a student vehicle.
- Deb Spinelli: Winter season is about to begin. Basketball tryouts are in session.

B. Student Liaison Report:

- Tourtellotte Jungle Wear is on sale until November 17th
 Butterbraids (cookie dough) go on sale starting November 17th
 Nov 14th - Town Rec Department is offering a free self-defense course for Women 2:00 pm
 Nov 15th - Jeff Yalden – Author of Boom Motivational Speaker 6 – 7:30 pm Killingly High School
 Nov 16th - Tourtellotte’s Got Talent – 7:00 entrance \$5.00
 Nov 17th - Peer Point Training for our student tutors
 Nov 18th - CMEA All Regional Auditions – (E.O. Smith)
 Nov 19th - TMHS Music Breakfast (all you can eat) at the Thompson American Legion from 7:30-11:30.
 Nov 21st - Powder Puff Pep Rally 12:30 pm
 Nov 21st - Football Pot Luck Supper/ Bonfire
 Nov 23rd - Thanksgiving Day Football Game
 Nov 27th - HS Girls Basketball Begin
 Nov 29th - Teachers will visit Providence schools to see Summit Platform in action
 Dec 2nd - All HS Winter Sports begin
 Dec 6th - HS Winter Concert 12:30 pm Student Assembly - 6:30 pm Parents/Public (Snow Date Dec. 7)
 Dec 7th - The Virtual High School Second Semester Course Offerings Assembly
 Dec 8th - 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Go Home

VI. Action Items.

A. Minutes

Regular Meeting, October 10, 2017

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017.

Motion – Passes. Jody Houghton abstained.

B. Strategic Plan Adoption

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to accept the Strategic Plan as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

C. *Title IV Grant Approval*

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the \$10,000 when the Title IV Grant is awarded.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

D. *Teacher Contract Approval*

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to accept the Contract between the Thompson Board of Education and the Thompson Education Association July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Motion – Passes. Shawn Brissette abstained.

E. *Administrator Contract Approval*

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to accept the Contract between the Thompson Board of Education and the Thompson Association of School Administrators July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

F. *2018 Board of Education Meeting Dates*

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the 2018 Board of Education meeting dates as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

G. *Maternity Leave – Laura Stefanski, TMS Teacher*

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept the maternity leave of Laura Stefanski, TMS Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

H. *Non-Resident Tuition Rate*

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jodi Houghton, to accept non-resident tuition rate as discussed.

Motion – Withdrawn by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jodi Houghton.

Tabled to the December meeting.

VII. Correspondence

A thank you letter to John Sharpe from Megan Baker and the high school staff was mentioned.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Citizens Comments

Jody Houghton asked if there was any awareness of students from Quaboag High School in Massachusetts who recently passed away in a motor vehicle accident. She hopes students understand that there are impacts when friends drive in cars together.

William Witkowski announced that Valentine Iamartino is the new Board member and will join meetings starting in December, and he thanked Christopher Eichner for his time serving on the Board.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Pederson

BOE Approved Minutes

November 13, 2017