

Thompson Board of Education

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2018
Thompson Middle School Media Center
7:00pm

In attendance: Kathleen Herbert
Donna Godzik
Shawn Brissette
Jody Houghton
Valentine Iamartino
Linda Jarmolowicz
Joseph Lindley
William Witkowski

Absent: Thomas Angelo

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

I. Call to Order

William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

William Birch led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Committee Update

Joseph Lindley stated that the Board Trust review will be held on January 10th, and a public meeting will be on February 5th at 6:00pm at the Town Library to discuss the Trust budget. He also stated that the window project is moving ahead and a prototype will be installed soon.

V. Educational Update

A. Superintendent/Administrator Update

- Enrollment Update – December 1st enrollment is at 1,009 students.
Ms. Smith gave an update on the free and reduced lunches.
Neal Breen gave an update on the cafeteria account balances.

Parent Portal Update – Heather Burns gave an update on the new parent portal which will allow parents to view their children's grades and progress throughout the school year.

AP Phase-In – Megan Baker gave a presentation on Advanced Placement offerings in the high school.
Megan Baker also gave an update on the Career and Technical Education Plan of Studies for Tourtellotte.

Program of Studies – Meagan Baker provided changes of the high school Program of Studies for approval.
Donna Godzik left the meeting at 8:30pm.

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add the Changes to the Program of Studies to Action Item F.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Administrator Reports –

Noveline Beltram mentioned that the elementary school has a new Physical Education teacher and he is excited to work with the students and staff. She also thanked her staff and students for their pajama and warm winter gear collections. The Lions Club will be donating Dictionaries and Thesauruses to the elementary students. Ms. Beltram also mentioned that the holiday concerts went well, and Ms. Rossetti and music students have been performing at special events.

William Birch updated the Board on recent snow clean-ups and minor breaks on equipment over the past few days, mainly due to the extreme cold weather. Mr. Birch also mentioned the recent DEEP visit and an update on the oil tanks.

Scott Sugarman updated the Board on the State approval of the Title III and Title IV grants.

Christopher Scott mentioned a grant from the Fuel-Up-To-Play 60 was awarded to the middle school in the amount of \$2,499. The music department had great holiday concerts, and he thanked Ms. Peltier, Ms. Connolly and Ms. Prouty for organizing the Student Art Showcase at the Town Library.

Megan Baker stated that mid-term exam dates were adjusted due to the recent snow days. She also stated there are current and past Tourtellotte students who have been trained as authorized IRS tax preparers.

- B. Student Liaison Report: No update.

VI. Action Items

A. Minutes

Special Meeting, December 4, 2017

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Hebert, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 4, 2017 with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Regular Meeting, December 11, 2017

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2017 with one minor change.

Motion – Passes. William Witkowski abstained.

Special Meeting, December 18, 2017

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 18, 2017.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

- B. National Register of Historic Places Application – Thompson Historical Society and Tourtellotte Memorial High School Alumni Association

Motion Joseph Lindley, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to allow the Thompson Historical Society to pursue the application for the National Register of Historic Places of the 1909 Tourtellotte Building.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

- C. Recording Secretary Re-Appointment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Valentine Iamartino, to re-appoint Danielle Pederson as the recording secretary to the Board of Education.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

- D. Non-Union Employee Salary Increases

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the superintendent's recommendation for a 2% salary increase for the following non-union employee's retro to July 1, 2017.

Kerry Tetreault, Transportation Coordinator

Lisa Durand, Food Services Manager

Tamara Zimmer, Occupational Therapist

Lynn Glode, Library/Media Clerk

Mary Aubin, Library/Media Clerk

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

E. Reorganization of Technology Department

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the reorganization of the technology department as presented by the superintendent.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

F. Changes to the Program of Studies

Motion by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to approve the changes to the high school Program of Studies as presented by Megan Baker.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Old Business

Substitute teacher and paraprofessionals pay increase was discussed. A possible vote will be made at the Special Meeting on January 16, 2018.

IX. Citizens Comments

Megan Baker stated that the food services department has been providing the high school students with educational opportunities and thanked them for being involved in high school activities.

Ian Polun thanked Bill Birch and the facilities department for their assistance during the holiday season and all events that went on through the schools.

Valentine Iamartino expressed her excitement for the new curriculum opportunities for high school students.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Valentine Iamartino, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion—Passed. Unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Pederson

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