

Thompson Board of Education

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, September 10, 2018

7:00 pm

In attendance:

Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
Donna Godzik
Kathleen Herbert
Jody Houghton
Linda Jarmolowicz
Valentine Iamartino
William Witkowski

Absent:

Joseph Lindley

Student Liaisons:

Emily Angelo
Cole Coderre

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Robert Gentes, Christopher Scott, Scott Sugarman, members of the public.

I. Call to Order

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Emergency Medical Response Students led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Committee Up-Date

Kathleen Herbert thanked Robert Gentes for the well detailed finance update.

V. Educational Update

A. Superintendent Update

- Enrollment Update – The September enrollment is at 1,005 students.
- Summer Learning Update – The Board received correspondence from the lead teachers of the summer program and the success of the program.
- EMR Certification Recognition – Melinda Smith and the Board recognized the students who recently received certification as Emergency Medical Response graduates.
- New Staff Recognition – Melinda Smith recognized the new 2018-2019 staff to Thompson.
- Budget Update – Robert Gentes gave a budget update to the Board and audience.
- Facilities Update – William Birch gave an update on the many projects that happened over the summer. Mr. Birch also stated that ongoing projects are still in the works such as the security grant, new door sets, the interior shades, and balusters which will be up for discussion soon.
- Student Liaison Report – Emily Angelo and Cole Coderre gave an update on upcoming activities:

September 13 th	Senior Prep – College Info and Financial Aid Night
September 18 th	High School Homelessness Awareness Assembly.
October 6 th	Thompson Community Day
September 26 th	HS Pictures / Fall Sport Pictures and Senior Panoramic Picture
September 27 th	High School Open House/Expo Night 7 th & 8 th Grade Info Night
September 28 th	Our first set of Progress Reports Go Home
October 4 th	HS Parent Teacher Conferences
October 19 th	TMHS National Honor Society Homelessness Awareness
October 26 th	High School Career Day and Homecoming Dance
October 27 th	Homecoming Soccer Games, Alumni Game, Alumni Concert
October 28 th	Cow Plop Raffle 10:00, Second Annual Tiger Dash 5k

➤ **Administrator Report**

The administrators gave updates to the Board regarding the successful opening of school.

- B. Evening Constable Discussion – Discussion was held regarding school safety in the evenings. Melinda Smith asked permission to be granted for her to bring the issue of the need for a constable at evening events to the Town. The Board agreed.
- C. Strategic Plan Update – Melinda Smith gave the Board an update on the Strategic Plan and an update on the Superintendent Goals for FY 19.
- D. Lunch Debt Discussion – Robert Gentes stated that the lunch debt from FY 18 is at \$1,039.25. Discussion was held regarding debt collecting. An adjustment needs to be made from a previous Motion at the August Board of Education meeting. The amount of debt had to be adjusted.
Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add Lunch Debt Adjustment to action item B.
Motion – Passes. Unanimous.
- E. Portrait of a Graduate & Audit – An introductory presentation was made to the Board of Education regarding the need to develop a Portrait of a Graduate and the importance for all to get involved in the process.
- F. Harrington Health Care Update - Katie Adams, Director of Mental Health Services from Harrington Health Systems, gave an update on the services of Harrington Health Care and the benefits and services they would give to the students and families of Thompson by developing a partnership to include on-site school services. Discussion was held. Ms. Adams will be meeting with the administrators to get into more detail of the program. A signed MOU will be completed.

VI. Action Items

A. Minutes – August 13, 2018

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting with minor changes.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

B. Lunch Debt Adjustment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to transfer up to \$1,039.25 from the year-end balance to pay unpaid lunches.

Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo abstained.

VII. Correspondence

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Melinda Smith stated that she and Deb Spinelli are having conversation regarding the replacement of the athletic track and tennis courts. Ms. Smith is seeking Board approval to approach the Board of Finance to discuss the funds. She also stated that she will ask the Town to look into a grant for the replacement project.

VIII. Old Business

Melinda Smith and William Witkowski will be meeting with the Commissioner of Education on September 13th regarding Alliance.

IX. Citizens Comments

None.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: