

Thompson Board of Education

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

7:00 pm

In attendance:

Absent:

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

Joseph Lindley

Student Liaisons:

Emily Angelo
Cole Coderre

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Robert Gentes, Ian Polun, Laurence Prentiss, Scott Sugarman, members of the public.

I. Call to Order

Chairman William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Recipients of the 2018 Superintendent Award led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

None.

IV. Committee Up-Date

Thomas Angelo updated the Board regarding the recent TMHS Alumni homecoming weekend.

V. Educational Update

A. Student Spotlight – Cole Coderre introduced Alivia Dalpe as TMHS Student Spotlight of the Month.

Aa. Student Liaison Report

Nov. 14th Student/Staff Leadership Day, Professional Learning - MBL Learning Targets

Nov. 20th Powder Puff Pep Rally TBD

Nov. 21st-23rd No School (Thanksgiving Recess)

Nov. 21st Football Senior Night 5:00 pm, Thanksgiving Day Home Game 6:00 pm

Nov. 29th 2nd Annual “Tourtellotte’s Got Talent” Auditorium 7:00 pm

Dec. 5th HS Winter Concert Auditorium 6:30 pm

B. Superintendent Update

➤ Enrollment Update – The November 2018 enrollment is at 988 students.

- Middle School Update – Melinda Smith gave an update on the middle school which includes the addition of more resources, the hire of a behavior specialist, a permanent substitute teacher, behavior tech, new special education teachers, and the hire of a new interim principal.
- RULER Overview – Melinda Smith gave an update on the RULER program, which is a social/emotional learning program that is being implemented in the district.
- FY20 Budget Timeline Process – Robert Gentes gave a current budget update and shared a FY 20 budget timeline for the Boards review and approval.
- Non-Certified Cafeteria Worker Wage Increase – Discussion was held.

C. Administrator Report

The administrators gave updates to the Board on activities happening in their schools.

VI. Action Items

A. Minutes – Regular Meeting, October 9, 2018

Motion by Valentine Iamartino, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

B. FY20 Budget Timeline Process

Motion by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to accept the FY20 Budget Timeline as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

C. Non-Union Cafeteria Worker Wage Increase

Motion by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Donna Godzik, to increase non-union part-time cafeteria employee wages across the board up \$.90 per hour beginning January 1, 2019.

Motion – Withdrawn by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Donna Godzik. Tabled to December.

D. Maternity Leave

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the maternity leave of Sarah Bellevance, Special Education Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

E. Resignation

Motion by Jody Houghton, Seconded by Donna Godzik, to accept the resignation of Teresa Yank, Reading Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

F. Retirement

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Valentine Iamartino, to accept the retirement of Rose Palazzo-Gagnon, TMS Health Teacher.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Old Business

Shawn Brissette asked about the status of the Alliance Grant. William Witkowski stated that Senator Mae Flexor will be working on changing the law.

Thomas Angelo asked about the status of the roof replacement. William Witkowski stated that the plan may be to have that done over the summer.

IX. Citizens Comments

Mary Poulin thanked the educators for sticking through the changes in the middle school. She also asked about the PBIS rollout and if the incentive make a difference in the school system. Melinda Smith stated that PBIS needs to be implemented with fidelity in order to work, which is currently being controlled by a staff member. Ms. Poulin also asked about the status of the current school audit. Ms. Smith stated that the results will be shared with the public at the next Board of Education meeting.

Shannon Julian, MS PTO President, stated that the PTO does help out with tiger tickets and PBIS incentives and is very supportive of the program.

Jody Houghton would like a Policy Sub-Committee Meeting scheduled soon.

Donna Godzik would like to schedule a Communications Sub-Committee meeting in January.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Kathleen Herbert to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: