

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Middle School Media Center Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

7:00 PM

Attending Members:
Kathleen Herbert
Matthew Polsky
Linda Jarmolowicz
Valentine Iamartino
Jody Houghton

Absent Members:
William Witkowski
Shawn Brissette
Thomas Angelo
Donna Godzik

Also in attendance:

Melinda Smith, William Birch, Heather Burns, Robert Gentes, Christopher Jones, Noveline Beltram, Steve Knowlton, Laurence Prentiss, members of the public.

I. Call to Order

Co-chairman Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Gabriel Waldron led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

Jessica Bolte asked what budget reductions have already been made. Melinda Smith stated at their last meeting, the Board of Education agreed to reduce one late bus, furniture for the high school, 2 permanent substitutes, and a special education teaching position.

IV. Committee Update

None.

V. Educational Up-Date

A. Superintendent Update

- College Board Congratulations – Melinda Smith introduced the students who achieved a high score on the College Board Advanced Placement Exam. Certificates were handed to the students.
- Enrollment Update – The current student enrollment is at 976 students and will be increasing over the next few weeks as students are still being registered.

B. The administrators gave an update on activities that went on through the summer.

C. Lunch Debt – Robert Gentes stated that the lunch debt from the 2018-2019 school year is at \$1,864.45.

D. Bradley Update – Christopher Jones gave an update on the Bradley Program that has been newly introduced to the district.

E. Budget Update – Robert Gentes stated that the 2018-2019 budget is going to end in the black. All the grants have been spent for the year. The cafeteria account also ended up in the black. Discussion was held.

VI. Action Items

A. Handbooks

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Matthew Polsky, to approve the 2019-2020 Tourtellotte Memorial High School handbook.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Matthew Polsky, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the 2019-2020 Thompson Middle School handbook.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the 2019-2020 Mary R. Fisher Elementary School handbook.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

B. Finance Director Contract

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Valentine Iamartino, to accept a 3-year contract for the Finance Director to include a 3% salary increase for the 2019-2020 school year, with an annual performance review and evaluation, and annuity of 5%.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. Citizens' Comments

Jessica Bolte stated that the Board of Finance is discussing to cut additional money from the Board of Education budget. Melinda Smith stated that she may need to cut in supplies and athletics should that happen. Ms. Bolte asked if the Board would consider having weekend budget meetings in order to increase parent participation. Discussion was held.

Karen Lamontagne asked if a pay-to-play for athletics can be investigated. Discussion was held.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Jody Houghton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

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