

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Via Zoom Online Meeting Portal

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:00pm

In attendance: Kathleen Herbert
Shawn Brissette
Thomas Angelo
Danielle Carlson
Donna Godzik
Jody Houghton
Valentine Iamartino
Linda Jarmolowicz
William Witkowski

Absent:

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Christopher Jones, Megan Parrette, Ian Polun, Bill Birch, Bob Gentes, Larry Prentiss, Shannon Grauer, TPS staff and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

Kathleen Herbert began the meeting at 7:02 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Linda Jarmolowicz led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for Alan Smat, former TMHS band director who recently passed away.

III. Chairman Update

IV. Citizens' Comments

V. Student Spotlight/Report

Cole Coderre congratulated TMHS Student Spotlight of the Month of January 2021 recipient Brady Monahan.

High School BOE Liaison Report

Ongoing Events:

- Junior Class PuraVida bracelet Fundraiser
The junior class is selling special, one of a kind PuraVida bracelets for \$10 each. There is a limited stock so be sure to get yours while you can! You can venmo @B10eyck if you would like to purchase one.
- NHS Ear Saver fundraiser
The National Honor Society is selling custom ear savers with a red TMHS design 3D printed on the back. The ear savers are only \$1 each and the perfect way to show off your school spirit! The fundraiser will resume once we are back in school.

Upcoming Events:

- January 5th: Student Council Meeting, 7:00 pm TSLT Google Classroom
- January 7th: Art Night, 5:00 pm Share the Spirit Google Classroom
- January 8th: TSLT In-service 7:25-11:25, Focus on productive group work and effective virtual meetings

- January 8th: School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
- January 14th: Quarter 2/First Semester ends
- February 1st: School Counselor Appreciation Week begins
- February 2nd: Student Council Meeting, 7:00 pm TSLT Google Classroom

Student Voice Forms:

- Students were concerned that the school lunch service conflicted with the high school schedule
- Students were concerned that some students are not following hallway directional guidelines
- A student asserted that under current circumstances, students should not be required to complete their digital portfolio to graduate
- Students concerned that some may be feeling overwhelmed with the work being assigned during distance learning
- Students have expressed concern over the possibility of upcoming midterm exams

The concerns were brought to the attention of school administration and are in the process of being addressed.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting, December 14, 2020

Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the December 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

VII. Sub-Committee Update

Thomas Angelo stated that there is an Alumni Meeting on January 12, 2021. Kathleen Herbert stated that the Tourtellotte Trust committee has elected new officers, including Thomas Angelo as chairman, Kathleen Herbert as secretary, and Orla McKiernan-Raferly as treasurer.

VIII. Superintendent Report

- Enrollment Update – The January 2021 enrollment is at 948 students.
- COVID-19 Update – Melinda Smith and Shannon Grauer provided an update on where the district stands on distance learning and the students and staff's return to campus on January 11, 2021.
- Budget Process Update - The FY22 Budget Timeline was distributed to the members of the BOE again. The first budget workshop is on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Budget packets and the presentation will be given to the BOE members before the meeting to review the budget. The February 1st meeting may need to be rescheduled due to a conflict with a Tourtellotte Trustees meeting. Discussion was held.
- Program of Studies Presentation – Megan Parrette, Beth Ten Eyck, Cindy Ouillette, Trish Tupaj, and Mike Joyce, gave an update on where there are changes to the TMHS Program of Studies for the 21-22 school year.

IX. Administrator Reports

The administrators and directors gave updates on events happening in their schools or departments.

X. Old Business

Shawn Brissette asked Melinda Smith where the district stands with Alliance and is the school getting funded this year. Ms. Smith stated that the academic grant has not been received in Thompson, though other schools have received it. Ms. Smith will reach out to the State representatives when appropriate.

Shawn Brissette stated he would like to have budget meetings held in the auditorium.

XI. New Business

Motion by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

XII. Correspondence

None.

XIII. Citizens' Comments

Megan Parrette stated that a lost TMHS class ring of '89 was reunited with its owner recently.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by: Danielle Pederson, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 8, 2021

APPROVED