

# Thompson Board of Education

## Regular Board of Education Meeting

### Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2017

Thompson Middle School Media Center  
7:00pm

In attendance:

Kathleen Herbert  
Donna Godzik  
Shawn Brissette  
Thomas Angelo  
Linda Jarmolowicz  
Joseph Lindley  
William Witkowski

Absent:

Christopher Eichner  
Jody Houghton

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, Bill Birch, Ian Polun, Scott Sugarman, Christopher Scott, members of the Board of Education.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Citizens' Comments**

Michael Krogul welcomed Melinda Smith as superintendent and wishes her well in her new career in Thompson. Mr. Krogul also stated that he would like to see the Board meetings videotaped, along with sub-committee meetings, to get information out to the public.

**III. Executive Session**

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to enter into Executive Session at 7:02pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:46pm.**

**IV. Educational Update**

- Noveline Beltram gave the Board an update on Camp Invention and Camp Fisher.
- Christopher Scott mentioned that 8<sup>th</sup> grade Moving-Up Ceremony went well and the summer learning academy is up and running.
- Megan Baker thanked the Board for setting a graduation date early in the school year, as it was easier for planning purposes. Ms. Baker also mentioned that all end-of-year events went well.

- A. Enrollment Update – Melinda Smith gave the Board an update on the July 1 student enrollment. There is a decrease with the incoming freshmen class and enrollment overall, with an exception to the preschool and

kindergarten classes as families are still in the process of enrolling their children. Another enrollment report will be shared at the August meeting.

- B. Out-of-District Placement Residency – Melinda Smith reported that she will be sending residency check letters to families whose children are attending out-of-district schools. This will ensure that the district is indeed paying for Thompson residents.

**V. Action Items. Consideration of Approving**

- A. Contract with Communications Coordinator

**Motion** by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to renew the Communications Coordinator Contract with Martin & Associates.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

- B. 2017-2020 TPS Goals

**No action necessary.**

- C. Maternity Leave – Carolyn Martineau, MRFES Teacher

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the maternity leave of Carolyn Martineau, MRFES teacher.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

- D. Retirement – Sharon Tierney, MRFES Para

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the retirement of Sharon Tierney, MRFES Para.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

- E. Resignation – Sabrina Pereira, TMHS Math Teacher

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Donna Godzik, to approve the resignation of Sabrina Pereira, TMHS Mathematics Teacher.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**VI. Citizens' Comments**

Noveline Beltram stated that the preschool and kindergarten enrollment numbers are still on the rise.

Michael Krogul stated that as president of the bus drivers' union, the drivers are very dedicated but very concerned regarding their current contract negotiations, and asked why an Attorney is handling the negotiations and not the Board of Education.

Thomas Angelo stated that as the new president of the Tourtellotte Alumni Association, he would like to have more out-reach to students and parents. The Association will be on WINY on Friday, July 14 at 7:30am.

Shawn Brissette would like Thompson residents to get out and talk with other residents and parents to share information about the budget process.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Pederson