

# Thompson Board of Education

## Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 11, 2018

7:00 pm

In attendance:

Absent:

Thomas Angelo  
Shawn Brissette  
Kathleen Herbert  
Jody Houghton  
Linda Jarmolowicz  
Joseph Lindley  
Valentine Iamartino  
William Witkowski

Donna Godzik

Student Liaison:

Jordon Scroczeni  
Emily Angelo

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Ian Polun, Larry Prentiss, Christopher Scott, Thompson Public Schools employees, members of the public.

### I. Call to Order

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

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Emily Angelo and Jordon Scroczeni led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. Citizens' Comments

John Rice commented on Mr. Bill Birch's work ethic and expressed his gratitude for all that he does for the school district.

### IV. Committee Up-Date

- Finance Sub-Committee Update: The Finance Sub-Committee met prior to the regular BOE meeting.

### V. Educational Update

#### A. Student Spotlights

- TMHS Student of the Month: Nicholas Elliott

Aa. Student Liaison Report: June 12<sup>th</sup> – Senior Walk and End-of-Year Assembly  
June 13-15<sup>th</sup> – Senior Exams  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Underclassman Exams  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Graduation 6:00pm

- Two thank you cards were shared, one for Mr. Lindley and one for Mrs. Baker.
- Mr. Witkowski gave the student liaisons a Certificate of Appreciation for their time spent with the Board of Education.

#### B. Superintendent Update

- Retirement Recognition – The Board recognized Donna Weaver, Valerie Krogul, and Beverly Houle as staff retirees for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Enrollment Update – The June 1, 2018 student enrollment is at 1,003 students.

- Food Service Presentation – Lisa Durand and Christine Murphy gave an update on the cafeteria program and the expansion of the breakfast program.
- Professional Development Plan 2018-2019 – Ian Polun gave an overview of 2018-2019 professional development activities throughout the district.
- Rescissions – Certified Staff – Melinda Smith is seeking Board permission to recall 19 teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.
- HD Segur – Consultant, Workers Comp & Liability Policy Discussion – Dan Anderson from HD Segur gave an update to the Board regarding comparison for Workers Comp and Liability between CIRMA and Trident for BOE approval.
- ALICE Overview – Megan Baker gave the Board an ALICE Training update.
- July BOE Meeting Date Change – Melinda Smith is seeking Board approval to change the July 9, 2018 Board of Education meeting to July 16, 2018.

C. Administrator Reports:

The administrators gave the Board an update on events and activities in their schools or departments.

**VI. Action Items**

A. *Minutes – Regular Meeting, May 14, 2018*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2018 regular meeting with one minor correction.

**Motion – Passes. Kathleen Herbert abstained.**

*Minutes – Special Meeting, May 24, 2018*

**Motion** by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Valentine Iamartino, to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2018 special meeting as presented.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**Motion** by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add Leave of Absence request from Andrea Tomeo to Action Item K.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

B. *Add MS/HS Free Breakfast*

**Motion** by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to add the free breakfast program to the middle and high school.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

C. *School Bucks Transaction Fee*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add the transaction fee of \$1.35 for parents to pay when adding funds to student lunch accounts.

**Motion – Passes. Thomas Angelo and Jody Houghton opposed.**

D. *Budget Transfers*

**None needed.**

E. *Rescissions – Certified Staff*

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jody Houghton, to recall nineteen certified teachers for the 2018-2019 as recommended by the Superintendent.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

F. *Salary Step Facility Manager*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Jody Houghton, to approve the recommendation to place William Birch on the salary steps as presented by the Superintendent.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*G. Underground Tank Insurance Policy*

**Motion** by Joseph Lindley, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to apply for the underground tank insurance policy in the total amount of \$916.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*H. HD Segur Workers Comp/Liability Policy*

**Motion** by Kathleen Herbert, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to change Workers Comp/Liability policy from CIRMA to Trident.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*I. July BOE Meeting Date Change*

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Jody Houghton, to accept the July Board of Education meeting from July 9, 2018 to July 16, 2018 at 6:30pm. A location will be determined closer to the date.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*J. Retirement – Donna Weaver, MRFES Teacher*

**Motion** by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Joseph Lindley, to accept with regret, the retirement of Donna Weaver, MRFES teacher.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

*K. Leave of Absence of Andrea Tomeo*

**Motion** by Shawn Brissette, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the leave of absence for Andrea Tomeo, MRFES teacher.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**VII. Correspondence**

None.

**VIII. Old Business**

Shawn Brissette asked about substitute teacher shortages. Discussion was held regarding a possible incentive to keep substitute teachers long-term will be investigated.

**IX. Citizens Comments**

Megan Baker read an anonymous letter from a parent.

Joseph Lindley asked about the percent of students who have been accepted into the military after high school. Ms. Baker will provide him with this information.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Shawn Brissette, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Danielle Pederson  
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: