

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thompson Public Schools Auditorium Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019

7:00 PM

Attending Members:
Thomas Angelo
Shawn Brissette
Jody Houghton
Linda Jarmolowicz
Kathleen Herbert
William Witkowski

Absent Members:
Donna Godzik
Joseph Lindley
Valentine Iamartino

Also in attendance:

Melinda Smith, Megan Baker, Noveline Beltram, William Birch, Steve Knowlton, Larry Prentiss, Ian Polun, members of the public, members of the press.

I. Call to Order

William Witkowski called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ian Polun led the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizens' Comments

IV. Committee Update

Thomas Angelo Alumni Association Update – Mr. Angelo stated that the Alumni Association will be hosting basketball games with the Putnam Science Academy as a fundraiser.

V. Educational Up-Date

Motion by William Witkowski, seconded by Jody Houghton, to add to discussion as Letter C. School Security Update.

Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

A. Student Spotlight

Aa. Student Liaison Report

Emily Angelo and Cole Coderre introduced Jaylyn Armstrong as December TMHS Student Spotlight of the Month.

Upcoming Events:

- HS Mid-Year Awards and HS report cards sent home (January 23rd)
- TPS Musical Wizard of Oz auditions will be on Jan. 14th-15th.
- On January 21st, TMHS Modern Music Ensemble will be performing for the 3rd annual MLK breakfast event that takes place at the Putnam Elks Lodge in Putnam, CT.
- Mr. O'Brien has recently created many videos on the Tiger Facebook page

B. Superintendent Update

- Enrollment Update - The January 2019 student enrollment is at 986.

- Administrator Reports - The administrators gave an update to the Board regarding past and recent events in their schools or departments.
 - School Configuration Discussion – Melinda Smith and Robert Gentes gave a presentation on possible school configuration scenarios and associated costs. Discussion was held. No action to be taken at this time.
 - 2020 Budget – Robert Gentes gave an update to the Board regarding the budget process and proposed staffing changes. The first budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30pm in the District Auditorium.
 - TMHS Program of Studies – Principal Megan Baker provided the Board with an updated Program of Studies, highlighting changes that were made. The Program of Studies is up for approval. Discussion was held.
- C. School Security Update – Melinda Smith stated that safety representatives from Woodstock Academy will be available to discuss evening security guards and safety concerns with the Board. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd at 5:30pm in the High School Media Center.

I. Action Items. Consideration of Approving...

- A. Minutes – Regular Meeting, November 13, 2018
Tabled to February meeting.
- B. TMHS Program of Studies
Motion by Jody Houghton, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to accept the TMHS Program of Studies with minor changes.
Motion – Passes. Unanimous.
- C. Retirement
Motion by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Kathleen Herbert, to accept with regret, the retirement of Thompson Middle School Teacher Mary Monahan.
Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

II. Correspondence

III. Old Business

IV. Citizens Comments

Parent Mark Boothby of Wilsonville Road stated that he has an issue with his daughter's school bus drop off location. Melinda Smith is aware of the situation and will discuss with the transportation coordinator for a possible resolution.

Parent Phillip Axtel of Sunset Hill Road also has a transportation issue which the superintendent will investigate immediately.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Angelo, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm.
Motion – Passes. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
Danielle Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved: February 11, 2019