

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, September 11, 2023

In attendance:      Absent:  
Kathleen Herbert      Matthew Polsky  
William Witkowski  
Thomas Angelo (arrived at 7:19pm)  
Jessica Bolte  
Danielle Carlson  
Valentine Iamartino  
Linda Jarmolowicz  
Heather Santos

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, Kim Granato, Shannon Grauer, Laurence Prentiss, William Steglitz, Dr. Nathaniel Mayo, Dr. Christopher Jones, Deb Spinelli, William Birch, Michelle Giammarinaro, Heather Burns (zoom), members of the public.

### I.      **Call to Order**

Chairman Kathleen Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### II.      **Chairman Update**

Kathleen Herbert recognized that today is the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of 9/11. A moment of silence was taken.

### III.      **Pledge of Allegiance**

Shannon Grauer led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### IV.      **Citizens' Comments**

None.

### V.      **Approval of Minutes**

a. *August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes*

**Motion** by Jessica Bolte, second by Valentine Iamartino, to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

### VI.      **Sub-Committee Update**

A Communications Sub-Committee meeting has been scheduled for September 25, 2023.

**Motion** by Jessica Bolte, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to add to the agenda – TMHS Student Liaison Report.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

### **TMHS Student Liaison Report:**

Tara Heffernan and Megan Nachtigall reported:

Upcoming Events:

- 9/4 - No School Labor Day
- 9/7 – Senior College Night
- 9/8 – Senior Sunrise, Boys First Soccer Game
- 9/11 – Girls First Soccer Game
- 9/13 – Pride Day
- 9/15 – Leadership Meeting
- 9/22 – Homelessness Awareness
- 9/26 + 27 – TGT Auditions
- 9/30 – Community Day/Mattress Sale

**VII. Superintendent Report**

- a. Enrollment Report - The September student enrollment is at 865.
- b. Introduction of New Employees – Superintendent Smith introduced the new teachers:

**Mary R. Fisher Elementary School**

Juliana George – Music teacher  
Michael Higbee – Grade 2 teacher  
Angela Jankowski – Grade 1 teacher  
Linda Voter – Grade 3 teacher  
EmmaRaea Clark – Grade 1 teacher  
Amanda Bonin – Admin Assistant

**Thompson Middle School**

Emily Modica – Grade 7 Math teacher  
Libbey Stearns – Grade 8 English teacher  
Alissa Lynch – Grade 7 Social Studies teacher

**Tourtellotte Memorial High School**

Francis Zentgraf – Culinary Arts  
Thomas Smith – English teacher  
Gena Saxena – Special Education  
Brooke Walker – Student Behavior Coordinator  
Kevin Thibault – Carpentry teacher  
Natalia Calderon Firacative – Spanish teacher

- c. Assessment Data Presentation – Kim Granato gave a presentation on Thompson data for Smarter Balanced Assessment, NGSS, and SAT which compared data from the State, grade reports, students' growth, and individual scores and targets.
- d. NEACS Update – Cindy Ouillette and Mike Joyce gave a presentation on the TMHS NEASC Accreditation process. The process includes a self-reflection component, conference with visiting team in March of 2024, development of a school growth plan, a reflective summary report, and the Decennial Accreditation visit in 2026.

**VIII. Administrator Reports**

The administrators and principals provided current updates regarding their schools or departments.

**IX. Old Business**

None.

**X. New Business**

a. Non-Lapsing Account Approval -

**Motion** by William Witkowski, seconded by Jessica Bolte, to direct the Superintendent to write to the Board of Finance requesting that any money left in the Board of Education budget from FY23 be transferred into the non-lapsing account.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**XI. Correspondence**

None.

**XII. Citizens' Comments**

None.

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Jessica Bolte, seconded by Heather Santos at 8:23pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Minutes submitted by: Danielle M. Pederson, Recording Secretary