

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Thompson Middle School Media Center

Monday, January 9, 2023

7:00pm

In attendance: Absent:

Kathleen Herbert  
Thomas Angelo  
Jessica Bolte  
Danielle Carlson  
Linda Jarmolowicz  
Heather Santos  
William Witkowski  
Valentine Iamartino  
Matthew Polsky

Also in attendance: Melinda Smith, William Birch, Heather Burns, Greg Guillot, Dr. Nathaniel Mayo, Shannon Grauer, Debra Spinelli, Dr. Christopher Jones, Michelle Giammarinaro, William Steglitz, Laurence Prentiss, members of the community.

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Jessica Bolte led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. Chairman Update**

Kathleen Herbert wished everyone a Happy New Year! Ms. Herbert stated that January begins the budget cycle and encourages everyone to attend the budget workshops. The first workshop is going to be held on January 17, 2023 at the middle school media center. She also stated that there is a town meeting on January 18, 2023 to discuss several town projects which include updates to the HVAC at the school complex, a full repair of the athletic track, and school security upgrades.

### **IV. Citizens' Comments**

None.

### **V. Student Spotlight/TMHS Liaison Report**

Evan Antonson introduced Tourtellotte Student Spotlight for the month of December 2022 – Briana Martin

### **VI. Approval of Minutes**

a. December 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**Motion** by Jessica Bolte, seconded by Linda Jarmolowicz, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 minutes as presented.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

### **VII. Sub-Committee Update**

- a. Communications Sub-Committee Meeting – This meeting was held earlier. Discussions were held regarding Did You Know? Facebook posts, Tourtellotte swag purchasing, mascots at basketball games and halftime shows, school budget referendum, job shadowing, and other school incentives.
- b. Negotiations Sub-Committee Meeting – Met earlier in the month. A new school transportation contract is pending for approval later in the meeting.
- c. The Tourtellotte Trustees will be meeting soon.

**VIII. Superintendent Report**

- a. Enrollment Report - The January 2023 enrollment is at 895 students.
- b. Parent Expo – There is a Parent Expo being held at Putnam Middle School on January 11, 2023 beginning at 5:00pm. Superintendent Smith encourages parents to attend the informational night.

**IX. Administrator Reports**

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

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

- a. 2023-2024 School Calendar – Melinda Smith presented the 2023-2024 calendar to the Board. Discussion was held regarding the high school graduation date.

**Motion** by William Witkowski, seconded by Matthew Polsky, to accept the 2023-2024 school calendar with the amendment to change high school graduation date to June 14, 2024.

**Roll call vote was taken. Valentine Iamartino – Yes, Jessica Bolte – No, William Witkowski – Yes, Danielle Carlson – No, Kathleen Herbert – Yes, Linda Jarmolowicz – Yes, Matthew Polsky – Yes, Heather Santos – Yes, Thomas Angelo – Yes.**

**Motion – Passes.**

- b. Discussion of Bus/Transportation Bids and Possible Action on Award of Transportation/Bus Contract

**Motion** by William Witkowski, seconded by Thomas Angelo, for purposes of discussion, for the BOE to accept the sub-committee's recommendation to award bus contract.

Discussion was held regarding the comparisons between DATTCO and M & J.

**Motion** by William Witkowski, seconded by Thomas Angelo, to accept the recommendation from the negotiations sub-committee to award the bid from DATTCO for the next five years.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**XII. Correspondence**

None.

**XIII. Citizens' Comments**

None.

**XIV. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Matthew Polsky, seconded by Jessica Bolte, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Minutes Provided By: Danielle M. Pederson, Recording Secretary