THOMPSONVILLE C.U.S.D. 174
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2025

ROLL CALL

President Leon McClerren called the Board of Education of Thompsonville C.U.S.D. #174 to order for its Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Other members present were: Brandon Chaplain, Krista Shelby, Carol Kern, Kenny Gaither and Melissa Hargett. Ryan Darnell was absent. Also present at the meeting were: Superintendent Lindsay Robinson, Principal Keisha McFarland, Dean of Students Mike Nguyen and District Treasurer Kelly Darnell. Members of the public were IFT Member Leslie Prior.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joyce Bowman addressed the Board regarding her 35 years of dedication to the District. She presented them with a letter asking them to consider her request for a retirement gift to show their appreciation for her taking her job seriously. She has accumulated over 400 sick days during her employment, only using them when absolutely necessary so as not to inconvenience the school district.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

The motion was made by Melissa Hargett and seconded by Brandon Chaplain to enter Closed Session at 6:06 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, resignation, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The motion carried 6-0.
Return from Closed Session to regular session at 8:08 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

The motion was made by Melissa Hargett and seconded by Krista Shelby to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The motion was made by Kenny Gaither and seconded by Carol Kern to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The motion was made by Melissa Hargett and seconded by Krista Shelby to approve the Bills for Payment. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THOMPSONVILLE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS CONTRACT 2025-2028

The motion was made by Melissa Hargett and seconded by Brandon Chaplain to approve the Thompsonville Federation of Teachers Contract for 2025-2028. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE 2024-2025 AMENDED CALENDAR

The motion was made by Krista Shelby and seconded by Kenny Gaither to approve the 2024-2025 Amended Calendar. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE NON-CERTIFIED STAFF RAISE (PAY & BENEFITS)

The motion was made by Kenny Gaither and seconded by Brandon Chaplain to approve Non-Certified Staff Pay Raise at 3%. Insurance Benefits as $5925, $6415 and $6910 for the next 3 years . The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

The motion was made by Melissa Hargett and seconded by Krista Shelby to approve administrative contracts with a 12% pay increase. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE BUS LEASE CONTRACT

The motion was made by Kenny Gaither and seconded by Carol Kern to approve the 3 year bus lease contract with Midwest Bus Sales. The motion carried 6-0.

ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The motion was made by Kenny Gaither and seconded by Krista Shelby to accept the Letter of Resignation from Michele Biddle as Paraprofessional and Bus Driver. The motion carried 6-0.

HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The motion was made by Krista Shelby and seconded by Kenny Gaither to hire Kimberly Rains as Administrative Assistant. The motion carried 6-0.

HIRE BUS DRIVER/PARAPROFESSIONAL

The motion was made by Carol Kern and seconded by Brandon Chaplain to hire Melissa Williford as a full time Bus Driver and Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Melissa Hargett and seconded by Kenny Gaither to approve the Retirement gift for Joyce Bowman. The motion carried 6-0.
2. A motion was made by Kenny Gaither and seconded by Melissa Hargett to extend our School Resource Officer to 5 days a week in the 2025-2026 school year. The motion carried 6-0.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Mrs. Robinson:

1. We completed our lunch audit with ISBE
2. Compliance visit with the ROE has been completed
3. We held the Health Fair this week and it was very well received
4. Negotiations went very well with the Teachers union

Mrs. McFarland:

1. We had 20 kindergarten students for the screening for next year
2. Thanks to the Booster Club for the sports banquets
3. Our top 6 Seniors were honored at SIU
4. Prom is May 3rd
5. Teacher Appreciation week is 5/5 - 5/9
6. Senior trip to St Louis is 4/29/25
7. May 7th is the Talent Show

Mr. Nguyen:

1. Discipline - 1 High School, 3 Jr High and 2 Grade School students received detentions. Had 1 High School, 1 Jr High and 1 Grade School students put into In School Suspension. 2 High School and 1 Jr High Students were suspended out of school.
2. ACT and IAR testing went well
3. Scheduling for next year is ongoing
4. SIU came to our school to meet with our students

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Kenny Gaither to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education