

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction/CSE Chair
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Scot Taylor, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the December 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The next Legislative meeting will be held on January 18, 2024

The next Health Trust Consortium meeting will be held on February 23, 2024

The next Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on March 22, 2024

There was nothing to report for other board reports, events, or updates.

Mr. Cook reported that the middle school is back to work; the second half of the modified winter sports season has started, there are about 25 girls participating currently; a practice run for computer-based testing will be done in the next couple of weeks to make sure we are prepared for the upcoming state tests.

Mrs. Camin reported that special education teachers and monitors attended a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training last Friday, in response to more involved regulations around restraint of children in crisis; regional comparative data still has not been released; visits are being made to off campus placements to see the buildings and meet with those working with our classified students.

Mrs. Bombard reported that preparation for state testing has started, after-school study sessions will begin in a couple of weeks; the Science and Discovery Center will be doing our winter session soon; three new Spanish speaking students started today and their first day was great. A big thank you Marie Chianese and Jackie Medovich for all the support they have given our teachers in preparing for our new students. Whiney Romero, Jessica Fitzgerald, Hannah Parshall, and the students in their classrooms have done an amazing getting their rooms ready, including labeling every part of the rooms with Spanish labels and creating picture cards with Spanish words on them. So proud of our students for showing so much kindness and support for our newest Tigers.

Mr. Wood reported that winter sports are going well, tonight is senior night for wrestling; Eric Gutierrez will be taking two teams to the Owego Nazarene Church next Friday for a Quiz Bowl competition; January Regents testing will be the 22nd through the 26th, there will be 12 students taking 7 different tests that will be facilitated by Mr. Meadows, Ms. Kolakowski, and Ms. Baron.

Mr. Roe reported that the high school gym railings have been installed; over the holiday break abatement was completed in the crawl space under the girl's side of the Middle School gym; also, over break a problem with the heating system was discovered and corrected before staff and students returned; the planning phase has started to use the excess funds from the turf project to upgrade the stadium lighting to LED.

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

*Approval of the November 2023 Treasurer's Report
Acceptance and approval of the generous donation received from Smith Site Development, for the Middle School Student Council in the amount of \$500.00 toward sponsoring Mathalon*

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Personnel Agenda Item A:

Approval of the following probationary appointment:

Name of Appointee: Katharina Card

Tenure Area: Elementary K-6

Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: January 3, 2024

Expiration Date of Appointment*: January 2, 2028

Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6), Initial Certificate,
Expires 1/31/2029

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Personnel Agenda Item B:

Approval of the following addition(s) to the sub list(s):

Alysa Williams- Support Staff (Cafeteria, Custodial)

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:18pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters, and the employment history of a particular person or persons leading to the appointment of a particular person or persons.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 7:09pm.

10. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk