

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Administration Building
January 17, 2018

Present: Mr. Ryan Bombard, President
Mr. Shane Mills, Vice-President
Mr. Jason Bellis, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member
Mrs. Maureen Zorn, Member
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, Member

Adm./Others: Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, TES UPK-K Principal
Mrs. LuEllen Hoyt, TES 1-4 Principal
Mr. Joshua Roe, HS Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk

Others: Mr. David Reese
Mr. Johnny Williams, Morning Times

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bombard called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Mr. John Harvey was in attendance from BOCES to present to the Board the 2018-19 BOCES Administrative & Capital Budget. Mr. Harvey gave his presentation and answered questions.

2. ROLL CALL

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CORRESPONDENCE**5. REPORTS**

Mr. Bellis attended the Legislative Committee Meeting scheduled for January 10 and is also planning on attending the Legislative Breakfast to be held on February 2, 2018.

Mrs. Zorn is planning on attending the Health Trust Consortium Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2018.

Mr. Cook reported that sports and drama club have started along with Mathalon and Math Counts. There will be a civil engineering presentation by the NYS Department of Transportation for the 7th and 8th graders tomorrow in the auditorium.

Mr. Roe stated that the drama club performances were this past weekend. Scholarship Challenge will be this weekend at Noon and next week is the end of 20 weeks and beginning of regent's week.

Mrs. Hoyt said the elementary is finishing up their mid-year assessments, requisitions and report cards will be out soon. All elementary students did a cabbage slaw taste test; Channel 34 will be here to film for the Rock on Café on February 12 and on Friday students will see Jack and the Beanstalk performed by the Tri-Cities Opera.

Mrs. Keene stated the Ag in the classroom project this week for Kindergarten was to learn about arctic animals.

Dr. Hamilton reviewed and discussed the following topics with the Board:

Superintendent's Entry Plan Activities

Dr. Hamilton shared his draft Entry Plan with the board of education. Since the last meeting he has devoted several hours each week to getting "out and about". This includes faculty meetings in all three schools, building walkthroughs, attendance at multiple athletic and drama events, and several 1 on 1 conversations with staff, students, and community members. Upcoming activities and events include meeting every student in the district through

classroom visits and a "Coffee with the Superintendent" event on January 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 AM in the HS cafeteria for parents and community members.

Capital Projects

Nichols Elementary

The abstract was completed and we are now waiting on the buyer's attorney to approve the paperwork. Dr. Hamilton has been on the phone to try and expedite the sale.

Lighting (2017-18 Outlay Project)

The sub-contractor was in working last weekend and completed some installations but the work is still incomplete due to several light fixtures still back-ordered by the lighting vendor.

Emergency HS Kitchen Electrical Work

The emergency electrical work in the HS kitchen was completed this weekend and the kitchen is now at 100% capacity.

Phase III Capital Project

Dr. Hamilton had an extensive meeting with Hunt Construction to review the status of the project. This included a page by page review of the designs which led to several questions and potential tweaks to the design. Dr. Hamilton would like to reconvene the Board Construction Sub-Committee to provide input before moving ahead with bid documents.

Budget Development

Dr. Hamilton shared a draft Budget Calendar for this spring that follows the general sequence of last year's process but with additional meetings to give us more time for discussion and revision. Yesterday the Governor released his proposed budget which would be increase at or just slightly below the likely cost of inflation. There is no word on whether this will be matched by the legislature. Insiders from Albany are telling us to expect a "volatile" budget process.

Athletic Events Coordinator

Dr. Hamilton thanked Mr. David Reese for jumping in with both feet to the work of supervising our athletic program. Assuming these duties mid-year and mid-season is a challenge and Mr. Reese has already demonstrated the skill and drive to make a positive difference for our student athletes.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept and approve the Board Minutes dated January 3, 2018, for the Regular Meeting as presented.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Maureen Zorn, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept and approve the December 2017 Claims Auditor Report as presented.

Mr. Cook left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Shane Mills, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept and approve the October 2017 Financial Report as presented.

A MOTION was made by Shane Mills, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept and approve the surplus bid awards as presented.

8. OLD BUSINESS

The third reading was completed and A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adopt the changes to Board Policy 7560.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 7-0 accept and approve the budget calendar as presented. The calendar shows changes to regularly scheduled board meetings as follows: cancel the April 4 and 18 meetings and schedule a meeting on April 11, 2018 instead.

10. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/LEAVE OF ABSENCES

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the letter of resignation received from Ray Thetga, Bus Driver. Ray's last day is February 2, 2018.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the letter received from Kimberly Corneby requesting a leave of absence under FMLA to begin January 24, 2018 and end on or about March 21, 2018.

11. APPOINTMENTS

A MOTION was made by Shane Mills, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the following appointment:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law and upon the recommendation of David Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Yvonne Hotchkiss of Nichols, NY, to the 10 month, 3 hour per day, position of Bus Driver, effective February 5, 2018, for a probationary period of 8 weeks, to commence on February 5, 2018 and to expire April 11, 2018. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yvonne will be paid an hourly rate of \$11.00.

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the following appointment:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District upon the recommendation of David Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint David Reese of Barton, NY, to the 12 month position of Athletic Events Supervisor, effective January 18, 2018 through June 30, 2018. Athletic Events Supervisor position is appointed annually at the re-organizational meeting held in July.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the following permanent appointment:

Jennifer Zorn, Food Service Worker, completed her probationary period on January 12, 2018. It is recommended that she be appointed permanently to this position effective January 16, 2018.

A MOTION was made by Shane Mills, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the addition of Jennifer Zorn to the 2017-18 Support Staff Substitute list in the area of transportation.

12. OTHER ACTIONS

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve June 23, 2018 as the date for Tioga Central High School Graduation.

A MOTION was made by Shane Mills, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the bus lease request received from Community Care Network of Nichols to lease a bus to travel to Geisinger Hospital in Dansville, PA on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. They plan to leave at 9:30 a.m. Approximately 3 people will attend the trip.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the bus lease request received from Animal Aholics (Justin Williams) to travel to Syracuse to the NYS Farm Show on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Approximately 25 people will attend.

Mr. Bombard declared a short break at 7:04 p.m., Mr. Reese and Mr. Williams left at this time.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to move into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss CSE/CPSE and personnel matters.

Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Keene, and Mr. Roe left at 7:15 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury and carried by a vote of 7-0 to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:49 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Jason Bellis and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Jill Reese
District Clerk