

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 18, 2023**

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President  
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member arrived at 6:08pm  
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction  
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal  
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal  
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Director of Pupil Services  
Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, HS Dean of Students  
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, School Business Executive  
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Ms. Nicole Lamberti arrived at 6:05pm

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
Mr. Chris Klossner, Member  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, 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 Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the December 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein reported that there is a Legislative Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. She will be attending, along with Mr. Joshua Roe. The next Legislative breakfast will be planned at this meeting and electric busses will be discussed also.

There was nothing to report for Health Trust Consortium, Workers' Compensation Alliance, other board reports, events, or updates.

Mrs. Meister reported that 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade annual meetings are complete with no major changes, 9<sup>th</sup> grade meetings will be done next week; there have been a couple new high needs move ins; Catholic Charities will be doing a presentation on the OPWDD services they offer on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the high school cafeteria, this presentation is open to all Tioga County School Districts.

Ms. Nicole Lamberti from the Morning Times arrived at 6:05pm

Mr. Cook reported that the middle school is getting back into the daily routine after vacations, delays, and snow days; Student Council will be hosting a Fun Night on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member arrived at 6:08pm

Mrs. Camin reported that she has been working with new teachers on what to expect at this point in the school year, she also talked with them about doing a praise walk where you visit another classroom for a few minutes and give positive feedback on the good things you observed during the visit; data is being compiled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers that are gearing up for state testing; there will be a meeting regarding computer based state testing soon.

Mrs. Cathi Root mentioned the spotlight on staff that has been posted on social media, and that it is great to see our teachers spotlighted. Mr. Joshua Roe responded that Mrs. Mary Grace Camin has been doing these spotlights.

Mrs. Bombard reported that student of concern meetings are complete; letters were sent home to parents for improved attendance; there are a lot of parent teacher conference schedule for the January 27<sup>th</sup> conference day; benchmarking is a bit behind due to school delays and illness in the building, and will be available at the next meeting; the Science and Discovery Center in Corning has been visiting classrooms to share science presentations with the students; Maria Gordon, our new social worker has been doing a great job with our students and has started a lunch bunch group to bring students together in a positive way; next week the elementary students will be getting a preview of the HS Drama Club presentation of The Little Mermaid.

Mr. Isaacs reported that All County Music auditions were held last Friday; the gym floor has been completed and it was a job well done by everyone in such a short period of time; driver's education paperwork is being submitted to continue the program; regents' exams will be next week for students that need to retake them; Ms. Moshier has scheduled an online safety presentation for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students with State Trooper Hartz on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked Mr. Isaacs how student attendance has been, he responded that the battle to get some students to school continues.

Mr. Roe reported that a section of polyurethane on the high gym floor peeled up making the surface unplayable, the gym was closed for over a week while an outside company came in to sand, paint, and reseal the floor, thank you to Mrs. Bombard and Mr. Cook for sharing your gym

space while the high school gym was closed for repair; while clearing ice from some of the roof drains, holes were punctured into the roof causing several leaks in the middle school and high school, these holes are being patched as they are found; MacKenzie Thetga will be signing with TC3 today to play softball; yesterday was a snow day due to the timing of ice arriving at bus time.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked how many snow days are built into the school calendar, Mr. Roe responded that there are 5 days built in and we have used 2 days so far.

## **6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval of the following Binghamton University interns to work with Maria Gordon, Elementary Social Worker:***

*Jake Buchholz*

*Tara Nass*

***Approval of the transportation contract with Leon Stevens retroactive to 1/9/2023***

## **7. FINANCIAL**

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

***Accept and Approve the bid for the Replacement Pole Vault Equipment***

***Accept and Approve the donation received from Encounter Church***

***Approval of the December 2022 Treasurer's Report***

***Approval of the December 2022 Extraclassroom Report***

***Approval of the October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, Claims Audit Report***

***Accept the proposal from Insero to provide independent audit services***

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve Financial Agenda Item 7G as follows:

***Approval of the Bus Bond Resolution as follows:***

*BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 18, 2023.*

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$294,000 BONDS OF TIOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE purchase of 2 SCHOOL BUSES FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.*

*WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and*

*WHEREAS, at the Annual District Meeting of the qualified voters of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York (the "School District"), held on May 17, 2022, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to undertake the purchase of two school buses as described therein, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$294,000, such proposition providing for the levy of*

a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with not to exceed \$294,000 obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such purpose and for the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of two school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$294,000 for the Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, is hereby authorized.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall be by the issuance of not to exceed \$294,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five (5) years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve Financial Agenda Item 7H as follows:

**Approval of the Athletic Facilities Capital Project Bond Resolution as follows:**

*BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 18, 2023.*

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,100,000 BONDS OF THE TIOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AND RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING ATHLETIC FACILITIES, IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.*

*WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as a Type II Action, have been performed and it has been determined pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (10) of to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated thereunder that said capital project, as such, will not have any significant adverse environmental impact; and*

*WHEREAS, at a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York (the "School District"), held on December 14, 2022, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to authorize the financing of the cost of the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities including various athletic facilities at various schools in and for said School District, and site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,500,000, with \$400,000 to be paid from available monies and with the remaining \$4,100,000 of said amount or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in special installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, not exceeding \$4,100,000 obligations of said School District to be issued; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such class of objects or purposes and for the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT*

*RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, as follows:*

*Section 1. The construction of improvements to and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities including various athletic facilities at various schools in and for said School District, and site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,500,000, is hereby authorized.*

*Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall consist of:*

- a) the issuance of not to exceed \$4,100,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and*
- b) the expenditure of \$400,000 available monies hereby authorized to be expended therefor.*

*Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as a "school construction project eligible for the apportionment of aid" as described therein.*

*Section 4. The faith and credit of said Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall specially be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.*

*Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.*

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

**Approval** of the resignation letter received from Anna Hurd resigning her position as Cook, effective retroactive 1/2/2023

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

Cassandra Palmer- Instructional Staff (retroactive to 1/3/23)

Kaleigh Akins- Instructional Staff

Jim Smith- Support Staff (Custodial)

Douglas Killgore- Support Staff (Custodial)

## **9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to enter executive session at 6:31 pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to return to public session at 6:58pm.

**11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.

Kristy Robertson  
Clerk