

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
January 20, 2021

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member (joined at 6:15 pm)
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mr. Scot Taylor, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Pupil Services
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve Board Minutes dated January 6, 2021 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust, or Workers' Compensation except that there is a Legislative Breakfast scheduled for February 5 at 9:00 am via Zoom. Mrs. Zwierlein plans to attend.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the elementary is finalizing their benchmarking and remote students will be in on Wednesday to complete theirs. They are starting to close the gaps with in-person students caused by the Spring shutdown; Reading Night will be very different this year with a huge shout-out to Mrs. Schultheis for all her hard work with the planning, there will be a reading week instead, with bedtime stories recorded by various teachers; Interest letter will be going out to prospective Kindergarteners for next year and in a couple weeks interest letters will go to prospective Pre-Kindergarteners.

Mr. Cook stated that the middle school is in pretty good shape with quarantines, with only a couple students involved; there are about ten 7th and 8th grade boys staying after 3 nights a week for intermural basketball; after school study hall is going on and starting to see some interest from the students to participate.

Mr. Roe also reported that they have intermural sports and weight room participation as well and it is great to see kids in after school; have anywhere from 15-25 kids in on Wednesdays doing back work and they are making progress with the 102 failing students; planning for 2021 prom is being attempted; and Tioga Central will hold an outside graduation ceremony again for the Class of 2021.

Mr. Taylor reported that kids have been staying after school for intermural activities and it is impressive that the students want to be here. There has been no discussion on high risk sports starting, NY is one out of only 2 states in the country that is not practicing/playing. Mr. Taylor met with Mr. Houseknecht regarding the pool and we are looking at possibly opening the beginning of February, more information will follow. State Aid run came out today with very conservative numbers. There may be a COVID stimulus for schools coming out for this year.

Mr. Lounsbury joined the meeting at 6:15 pm

Regarding COVID PODs, there is a POD in Waverly on Friday and some of our staff have already gone to Binghamton University for their vaccine. The goal of the County is to have 3 PODs a week available. There have been very few positive cases within the district boundaries.

Remote to In-Person Instruction Plan Discussion

Administrators have met and discussed the criteria, there are about 35-40 students district-wide that fall under this plan. We would like to send a letter to those families the end of this week explaining our plans for the students to return to in-person learning.

A MOTION was made by Greg Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the distribution of a letter to parents regarding the return to in-person instruction.

Mrs. Meister stated that she will be holding her CSE meetings on Wednesday; she is looking at placements for some BOCES students for next year; Data was submitted today with NO errors, a big shout out to Mrs. Cary and Mrs. Cotton for all their help! Mrs. Meister is finalizing her requisitions and looking into possibly holding pre-school evaluations in house instead of having the county do this.

Mrs. Keene had nothing to report.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the *Old/New Business Agenda* items as follows:

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Greg Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

Approval of the December 2020 Claims Auditor Report

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the *Personnel Consent Agenda* items as follows:

*Accept Letter of Intent to Retire during the 2021 calendar year received from
Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction
Approval of Student Teacher, Kaylee Uhl, to work under Brian Card, PE
Approve Megan Godfrey, Jacob Howland, Giovanna Rossi for Support Staff Subs*

8. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations as presented.

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There were NO comments/questions from public attendees.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter into executive session at 6:37 pm.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:54 pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk