

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2025

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Robert Seymour, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Michael Williams, Director of CSE
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Annemarie Schultheis

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, MS Principal

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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the January 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The Legislative Committee met on Thursday, January 16, 2025, representative Scot Taylor provided Mr. Roe with a report on the meeting to share with the Board. Most of the meeting was spent planning for the Legislative breakfast that will be held on Friday, February 21st at BOCES. Mr. Taylor will be hosting representative Chris Friend. The preliminary state aid report was also discussed.

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

Mrs. Camin was unable to attend the meeting and provided a written report for the Board that included the following: the math and reading teachers are seeing students improving since the benchmarking assessments at the beginning of the school year, benchmarking information is used to direct intervention services for these two subjects, in 5th grade students use Rocket Math to improve their math facts, some classes have completed this part of the program and are requesting the next level of the program to keep challenging their students; Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Macumber have created a student attendance incentive for the month of February, students will track their attendance throughout the month and will win weekly prizes for perfect attendance as well as be rewarded for perfect attendance for the whole month; 5th grade is collaborating with our 7th grade science teacher to complete the four science investigation labs that are required by the state, the first lab was successfully completed and the second lab will be done next week; the computer based testing simulation will be on Tuesday, January 28th, with the help of Mr. Roe all students are set to take the practice assessment, this is the second year for 5th and 8th grade to take the computer based test, and the first year for 6th grade, our 6th grade students have been using the Lumos Learning program to help them prepare; student council is in the process of planning their second Fun Night, it will be called Winter Ball, dressing up is welcomed, but optional, they are also planning Kindness Week for the week of February 10th, students will share kindness quotes on the announcements and will be getting "caught being kind"; the second marking period is ending, student of concern meetings are underway, and several conferences were held with parents during the Conference Day on January 17th.

Mrs. Bombard reported that reading benchmarking has been completed; during the January 17th Conference Day, the 4th grade team spent time with the 5th grade team and attended a BOCES training in the afternoon to help prepare for their first year doing computer based state testing; our elementary students attended a preview of the High School Drama Club's musical Seussical today; Friday will be our next Top Tiger and perfect attendance assembly.

Mr. Williams reported that he attended a BOCES training via Zoom for CPSE and CSE Chair, it was an informative meeting and there are more scheduled; a special education department meeting was held; more annual review meetings are scheduled for next week.

Mr. Wood reported that report cards go home next week; the drama club will be performing Seussical on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon; 6 students are been selected to join the prestigious All-County High School Band and will attend the All-County Music Festival in March, 3 of the students were selected as 1st seat musicians; Yondr pouches are starting to be embraced by the students, the change in student interaction during lunch is huge in a positive way; the winter sports season is winding down, some teams will be attending IAC's on Saturday; this week is Regents week.

Mr. Roe reported that state testing for 3rd through 8th grades is ready to go, all students are accounted for and are ready to log in on test day; each building now has a tv screen that is showing a display of building specific news, highlights, and information, work is underway to get the program running the displays to feed to social media and the district website as well; a brief presentation on last year's state testing data was given on Conference Day, Tioga is State Champs again in several areas; work to replace the boilers in the bus garage is underway, currently the temporary heaters are still being used, kudos to Dave Keene and his staff that are keeping them running; in order to receive all call messages through text, parents must opt in, on February 12th at 4pm a message will go out to district parents and they will be able to opt in at that time.

Mr. Roe introduced Mrs. Annemarie Schultheis to give a presentation on the district's reading program. Mrs. Schultheis' report included a look back at the rapid advances of the district's reading program since 2010, a look at the current progress of the program including several grade level/teacher created additions to curriculum to support student success in reading, and a look moving forward showing that our reading program and teachers have been using Best Practices for years to build and support skilled reading and fluency.

Mrs. Schultheis left at 6:57pm

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

Approval to advertise for Request for Proposals for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Collaborative Services for 2025-26

Approval of the 2024-25 Non-Resident Tuition rates for inter-governmental billing purposes as follows:

Grade Level	Regular Education Tuition	Students w/Disabilities Tuition
Full Day K-6	\$0	\$8,120
Full Day 7-12	\$2,826	\$10,946

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the December 2024 Treasurer's Report

Approval of the December 2024 Extraclassroom Report

Approval of the Health and Welfare Contract for two (2) students attending a private school within the Horseheads Central School District for the 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$964.82

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval** to rescind the following 24/25 winter coaching appointment:*

Arielle Beebe Modified Basketball- Girls Exp 1 Level 1 4% \$2074

***Approval** of the following 24/25 winter coaching appointment:*

Emily Potter Modified Basketball- Girls Exp 0 Level 1 4% \$2074

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Robert Seymour, seconded by Gregory Schweiger and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 7:02pm 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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Robert Seymour, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:25pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk