

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2024

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Michelle Stahl

Absent: Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction/CSE Chair
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES 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 Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the January 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Wood and Mr. Roe attended the legislative meeting on January 18th. Mrs. Wood shared that a large part of the meeting was spent setting the agenda for the Legislative Breakfast coming up on February 23rd, electric buses and competitive PreK grants will be important topics on the agenda; a new board member workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 6th on Budget Development.

The next Health Trust Consortium meeting date has been changed to March 1, 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 5th and 8th graders completed a practice computer-based testing session yesterday, it went well and brought up a few questions on special education accommodations; the high school drama club performed a preview of the upcoming musical today; 20-week reports will go home next week; winter sports are underway, modified wrestling is at Newark Valley tonight.

Mrs. Camin was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Bombard was unable to attend the meeting and provided a written report that was read by Mr. Roe. Mrs. Bombard's report stated that Alex MacDonald and the Drama Club performed a preview of the upcoming musical for the elementary student, our high school students are so talented and many students left excited to come and see the full performance this weekend; letters of interest for Pre-K in the 2024-25 school year will go home this Friday and advertisements will be published next week, we currently have 22 students eligible for the program; Melissa Garcia will be working with our new Spanish speaking students beginning on February 5th, she has a four year degree in Human Development and is a native of Mexico; mid-year benchmarking is complete, students have shown immense growth thanks to the efforts of our teachers and their parents on attendance.

Mr. Wood reported that the Quiz Bowl competition that was scheduled for January 19th has been rescheduled to January 31st due to bad weather that forced several schools competing in the competition to close; Regents testing is underway with two more tests left to administer this week; the high school drama club will be performing The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy, this Friday and Saturday in the middle school auditorium; after a wrestling tournament in Newark Valley, we received several compliments on how polite and well-mannered our athletes and students were .

Mr. Roe reported that we are in the process of hiring another school social worker whose salary and benefits for the next three years will be covered by the Office of Mental Health grant the district was previously awarded; a presentation of the State testing bar charts for staff will be given at the Friday, February 2nd Conference Day and for the board at the next meeting; there was a meeting this week with all of the contractors, engineers, and architect for the upcoming Phase II work happening this summer, roof work may begin by the weight room once the high school students start Regents testing, Middle School gym work may begin after the Memorial Day break; the High School gym will be painted this summer and the district is finalizing a plan to organize the banners; despite the tricky weather forecast, we got all students to and from school safely and completed a full day of instruction yesterday.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the Change Order Request for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project-Phase II

Approval of the 2023-24 Non-Resident Tuition rates for inter-governmental billing purposes to be set as follows:

Grade Level	Regular Education Tuition	Students w/Disabilities Tuition
Full Day K-6	\$1,017	\$11,232
Full Day 7-12	\$4,411	\$14,626

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the December 2023 Treasurer's Report

Approval of the December 2023 Extraclassroom Report

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0, Aaron Lounsbury abstained from the vote, to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval to rescind the following 2023-24 winter coaching appointment:

Mikayla Short Girls Basketball exp 2 level 2 8% \$3,985

Approval of the following 2023-24 winter coaching appointment:

Girls Modified Basketball- Arielle Ayres exp 0 level 1 4% \$1,992

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Tabitha Blevins, resigning her position of Food Service Helper, last day of service 1/19/2024

Approval of the following addition to the volunteer list:

Aaron Lounsbury- Girls Modified Basketball

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

Melissa Garcia- Instructional Staff

Emme Hall- Instructional Staff

Charles Cornell- Support Staff

Erin Nichols- Support Staff

Laura Joyce Beehler- Support Staff

Kathy Pond- Support Staff

Linda Rossen- Support Staff

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter executive session at 6:38pm to discuss 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 Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 7:40pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk