

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
February 3, 2021

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
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 5-0 to approve Board Minutes dated January 20, 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 report cards go home tomorrow; they have finalized benchmarking and are looking at the data and developing strategies; Mrs. Bombard is confident they will see a lot of growth; 4 remote students will be back in person tomorrow; they have started a new "Mrs. Bombard's Bravo Board" in the elementary where student work will be posted.

Mr. Roe stated that report cards go home in the high school tomorrow also. He is please with the efforts of the students and staff, a few weeks ago there were 102 students failing and now that number is down to 65, of the 65, 32 are remote students and hopefully we will get many of

those failing remote students back in-person tomorrow. It was really great to see kids coming out of the gym and wrestling room today for practices!

Mr. Cook also mentioned that report cards are going home with students tomorrow; he is interested to meet with Mr. Roe tomorrow and hear how the meeting with DSS went today regarding struggling remote learners.

Mr. Taylor talked about the last two remote days they had due to weather and stated that some of the teachers he spoke with were pleasantly surprised at how it worked out; athletics have returned to Tioga and practices and competitions will begin. Competitions have strict guidelines we must follow: NO fans, masks, as well as no more than 50 people in the gym; kids after school must also follow protocols, it's good to see them, it is good for them mentally and physically; we are working on a plan with the DOH to get the pool open now.

Mr. Roe is working on a way to live stream sports competitions. Mr. Roe stated that we have enough equipment to live stream two separate competitions at once as long as we are able to get a signal; this will be done through a YouTube channel, more information will follow.

Mr. Taylor also stated that they are working on a plan for Senior Night and that negotiations have begun with teachers' union representatives.

Mrs. Meister announced that her Senior exit meetings were completed and as long as her 13 seniors complete the rest of their course work, they should graduate with a Regents diploma.

Mrs. Keene stated that the Cares Act Funding was sent back to us to add more detail; she is also working on ongoing safety items.

5. FINANCIAL

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

Approval of the December 2020 Extraclassroom Report

Approval of the Food Service Meat/Cheese Bid for 3/1/21-4/30/21

Approval of the October 2020 Financial Report

Approval of the January 2021 Overtime Report

Approval for J. Barto to apply for the following grants for Summer Rec Program

- *Donors Who Care*
- *Mildred Faulkner Foundation*
- *Floyd Hooker Foundation*

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the creation of an Elementary Agriculture program to be filled with a NYS certified Agriculture Education Teacher.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Allen Buyck as search consultant for the Tioga Central Superintendent of School search.

7. PERSONNEL

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

Approval of Student Teacher, Rebecca Bouyea, to work with Jack Short, Grade 4

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. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk