

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 7, 2024**

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member  
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member  
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member arrived at 6:01pm

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

Others:

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member  
Mr. Willard Cook, 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 Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the January 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

The next Legislative meeting will be held on February 23, 2024

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 was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Lee Wood, Member arrived at 6:01pm

Mrs. Camin reported that the bar graphs for last year's state testing were released, curriculum updates and teaching strategies are working, and, in most areas, Tioga is in the top third for our region. Mrs. Zwierlein, member, asked if there are any areas that need to be worked on for this school year. Mrs. Camin replied that there is room for improvement in chemistry, due to the combination of new testing standards and a first-year teacher, and improvement strategies are already being implemented.

Mrs. Bombard reported that it was exciting to share the bar graphs and data from last year's state testing with staff on Conference Day, shout-out to our PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers for laying the groundwork to get students ready to succeed on the state tests; teachers held a lot of parent teacher conferences with the goal of keeping school and home on the same page for student success; student of concern meetings will conclude this week; planning for Reading Night and the Scholastic Book Fair is underway, more details will be given at the next meeting.

Mr. Wood reported that the Tioga Quiz Bowl teams took 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place out of eleven teams that competed in the competition held at the Owego Nazarene Church on January 31<sup>st</sup>; the Science Olympiad team competed this past Saturday and had a great learning experience; all of our winter sports teams have received the Scholar Athlete Award; the wrestling team won their third straight NYSPHSSA DII State Dual championship, sectionals will be held this Saturday at the Arena; the bowling team will compete at the IAC Championship this Saturday; January Regents are complete; another great job by Mrs. Camin on our Conference Day setting up professional development and getting our teachers excited to keep learning.

Mr. Roe recognized the impressive academics our student athletes have continued to maintain through both the fall and winter seasons, to achieve the Scholar Athlete Award 75% of the team must have an average of 90 or above.

Mr. Roe also reported that both the EPA and NYSBIP electric bus grants have been submitted; it was a very busy weekend with a home basketball game on Friday night, youth basketball, TICANN, varsity wrestling, and the TC Fire Department Pancake Supper on Saturday, varsity baseball and youth wrestling on Sunday; a huge shout-out to Dave Keene and his crew for all of the extra hours and hard work that they put in; we have a potential SRO candidate, Rick Borchardt with Upstate Security Consultants will be reaching out tomorrow with more details; at the next meeting budget binders will be handed out and the initial run of expenses will be discussed.

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

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval of the Creation of OMH Grant Funded School Social Worker Position***

*Nomination of the BOCES trustee seats was **TABLED** to the next meeting. Mr. Scot Taylor, member requested details on when BOCES board meetings are held.*

## **7. FINANCIAL**

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

***Approval of the Bus Lease Request***

***Approval of the Food Service Meat and Cheese Bid 3/1/24 – 6/30/24***

***Approval of the October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, Claims Audit Report***

## **8. PERSONNEL**

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

***Approval of the following 2023-24 winter coaching appointment:***

*2% Girls Basketball Assistant- Mikayla Short exp 2 level 2 2% \$996*

***Approval of the following probationary appointment:***

*Name of Appointee: Laura Solomon*

*Tenure Area: OMH Grant Funded School Social Worker*

*Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: Retroactive to*

*January 26, 2024*

*Expiration Date of Appointment\*: January 25, 2028*

*Certification Status: In process*

*\*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part*

***Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Merrick Mosher, resigning his position of Custodial Worker, last day of service 2/13/2024.***

***Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Charles Cornell, resigning his positions of Bus Driver, Courier, and Cleaner (Bus Garage), last day of service February 23, 2024***

***Approval of the following addition to the volunteer list:***

*Olivia Ayres- Girls Modified Basketball*

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

*Laura Solomon- Instructional Staff retroactive to January 25, 2024*

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

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:42pm 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 Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 8:04pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Kristy Robertson  
Clerk