

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Chris Klossner, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, HS Dean of Students
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Ms. Jessica Reinatz
Mr. Alex MacDonald

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member

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 Lee Wood, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the January 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the January 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein reported that she attended the Legislative meeting held on January 26th along with Mr. Roe. The meeting focused on preparing for the Legislative Breakfast that will be

held on February 24th at 7:45am. An email was forwarded to all board members with the agenda and green sheet attached that identifies the legislative priorities.

Mr. Roe reported that there is a Health Trust Consortium meeting on February 24th at 6pm and our representative, Mr. Gregory Schweiger will be attending.

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

Mrs. Meister reported that all high school meetings have been completed; 90% of the meetings for students in a placement at BOCES have been completed; the Catholic Charities presentation last Wednesday was well attended, thank you to Bill Stevens for stepping in when Mrs. Meister was unable to attend.

Mr. Cook reported that 20 weeks are now complete, there are 8 students of concern in 7th and 8th grades, 3 of the chronically absent students have opted to homeschool; Student Council hosted another successful Fun Night where students could swim, make craft, play games and use the gym; Tioga hosted a Junior High Challenge Team Competition, our team took 2nd place; practice for the middle school drama club play, Beauty and the Beast is underway, the play will be performed for the public on March 24th and 25th; Mr. Cook expressed how proud he was of his staff for the generous donations they collected to help a middle school family in an emergency situation.

Mrs. Camin reported that the district had a Conference Day on 1/27, staff participated in a mixed group collaboration and the next Conference Day will be held on 3/10; the state science test will be changing in 2024, work is underway to prepare for those changes; the meeting on computer-based testing has been rescheduled for 2/23; support for new teachers and their mentors is continuing.

Mrs. Bombard reported that they survived Valentine's Day, the students had a great time celebrating the day; next Tuesday, 2/21 is the 100th day of school and there are lots of activities planned to celebrate; the elementary students loved seeing a preview of the high school play, The Little Mermaid and are hoping to preview the middle school play, Beauty and the Beast in March; PreK is starting to visit the elementary school more in preparation for Kindergarten next year, next week they will be learning about the letter "P" and will tour the pool and stop in the kitchen to see how pizza is made; ELA and Math preparation sessions started yesterday for 3rd and 4th graders; next Thursday the Scholastic Book Fair will be set up for the first time since the COVID shutdown, students from Bill Stevens class will be working the book fair and Wednesday, 3/1 will be Reading Night.

Mr. Isaacs reported that the high school is holding scheduling nights on Wednesday's to give parents and students important information about scheduling classes for next school year; the BOCES CTE program will be changing their course placement process for the 23-24 school year, there will be a deadline for students to apply for the program they are interested in and then there will be a random draw for the available slots in the program; January Regents testing is

complete, 12 students were able to take the tests they needed; 20 week grades have gone home; the Winter Ball will be held tomorrow evening.

Mr. Roe reported that the high school scheduling informational meetings for parent and students have been well attended; JV girls basketball had a playoff game against SVE to go to the IAC Championship and came up just short; boys basketball played Saturday in memory of Jim Ryder and won against Newark Valley; Section IV Wrestling Championships were held in Binghamton where we captured the section championship again this year and crowned 2 girls' champions and 5 boys' champions, 8 wrestlers are headed to the NYS Championships; Emily Sindoni is ranked #1 in the nation and has committed to wrestle for Utica University; this year's high school play, Beauty and the Beast was fantastic, there was standing room only for the sold out performance; the bus garage had a glycol leak over the weekend that has been fixed; the first architectural meeting for the athletic facilities upgrade is complete; COVID has started to go through the buildings again, we are continuing to follow the NYS Department of Health's guidelines on COVID quarantine procedures, five days of quarantine followed by five days of masking.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to nominate Peter Nowacki and Michon Stuart for the two available BOCES Trustee seats.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the January 2023 Treasurer's Report

Approval of the January 2023 Extraclassroom Report

Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Horseheads Central School District for 1 student residing in the Tioga CSD and attending a private school in Horseheads CSD

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the appointment of Amanda Suer to Purchasing Agent, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year and up to the Reorganizational Meeting for the 2023-2024 with no additional compensation as this is part of the Central Business Office service.

Approval of the following probationary appointments:

Name of Appointee: Laura Joyce Beehler

Civil Service Position: Bus Driver

Probationary service begins: March 1, 2023

Expiration of Appointment: February 29, 2024

Name of appointee: Ariel Ayres

Tenure Area: K-6

Date of commencement of probationary service: Retroactive to September 1, 2022
Expiration of Appointment: August 31, 2026*
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), initial expires August 31, 2027

*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 of intent to retire received from Kathleen Breese, resigning from her position as Speech Pathologist effective 6/30/23 and retiring from New York State at the same time.

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

Susan Thomas- Instructional Staff
Shaun Robinson- Support Staff (Bus Driver)
Kris Harrington- Support Staff (Bus Driver)
Joel Williams- Support Staff (Custodial)
Paige Goble- Support Staff (Cafeteria)

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to enter executive session at 6:35 pm to discuss the employment history of a certain person(s), and CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to return to public session at 8:25pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk