

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room  
February 19, 2020

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

Adm./Others: Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal (arrived at 7:40 pm)  
Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent  
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

Absent: Mr. Willard Cook, Principal  
Dr. Abram Nichols, Member  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member

Others: Mrs. Des Ford, PE Teacher  
Mr. Gary Howard, Tioga County Sheriff  
Mr. Johnny Williams, Morning Times

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Board Room.

**2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Ford inquired about the Sunday practice policy.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

Tioga County Sheriff, Gary Howard was at the meeting to discuss the SRO program that he runs through the Sheriff's Office.

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Board Minutes dated February 5, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

## 6. REPORTS

Mrs. Zwierlein reported that the Legislative meeting has been rescheduled for March 6 at 9:00 am. Mrs. Zwierlein and Dr. Hamilton are both planning on attending.

Mr. Taylor reported that there is a Health Consortium meeting scheduled for March 6, 2020.

Mrs. Keene reported, for Mr. Cook, that Mr. MaCauley will be bringing a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Engineer's Day at Lockheed Martin in Owego; there is a modified girls basketball game tonight and modified wrestling this weekend, both teams are having successful seasons; Middle School Drama Club will be performing Sherlock Holmes later in March; the Jr. High Scholarship Challenge team competes on February 28; and March 6 there will be "Fun Night" event for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from 3-5pm.

Mr. Roe reported that the Freshman class is starting to come around, grades/discipline better; wrestling team won their fourth consecutive Section IV title and will be sending 6 wrestlers to states; Mrs. Ford's club volleyball team recently took first place at the Icicle Challenge in Syracuse.

Mrs. Meister reported that meetings went well; more annual reviews upcoming; and the final student, initially without a placement, started at GST BOCES today and had a great day.

Mrs. Bombard was unable to attend the beginning of the meeting, shared her report via email:

### **Exciting events happening at TES:**

100<sup>th</sup> day of school tomorrow with costumes, stories. And accolades of 100% attendance for 100 days

Book Fair - Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Throughout next week, our teachers will be taking their classes to visit the fair.

Next Wednesday evening we celebrate our Reading Night from 3-6 in our elementary gym.

Read Across America week - Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visits planned with parents coming in to celebrate reading!

### **Academic Updates and highlights:**

- Pre-K and Kindergarten screenings - Letters will be going home to eligible families in our district to begin welcome them to our school and begin to inform them of the screening process.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade after school Math and ELA review sessions have begun. We will offer 7 of each through state testing time.
- I am working with the middle school to plan an information session for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders teachers on F&P, along with Annemarie Schultheis.

### **Additional:**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> Cindy Middendorf will be presenting a 90 minute session to teachers (middle school has been invited as well as it is mostly applicable to elementary grades) called Learners in Crisis. (Requested by Teachers)

Club Positive – New location will be extra Pre-K room. This will begin March 2.

*Mr. Lounsbury left the meeting at 6:36 pm.*

Dr. Hamilton's Superintendent Report  
CAPITAL PROJECT

Today we received news that the project submitted to the State Education Department Office of Facilities Planning is complete and pre-screened. Next step is for our project to be given a review number and enter the queue. We are going to be pursuing a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review to speed things along. Also, we are having preliminary meetings to discuss the possible use of an Energy Performance Contract to handle classroom lighting upgrades to LED and cooperative bidding for the roof. We will bring all of that to the board as soon as we have more details and figures.

COACH COVERAGE AT EVENTS

I've had a lengthy conversation with our Athletic Director in regards to situations where we have only 1 coach with a team. There was a recent situation where the modified wrestling team traveled to a different site than the Varsity/JV teams. This separated the coaches. On arrival at the Modified Match, our coach discovered that the matches would be in two different but adjacent Gymnasiums. While he was able to get back and forth to ensure every student athlete was able to compete, it is a less than ideal situation.

Jim and I are looking at various ways to ensure not only that there are enough coaches with Wrestling to cover the remaining matches this season, but that we can ensure all teams are traveling with a 2<sup>nd</sup> coach. This may require some combination of rotating current coaches across teams or perhaps designating coaches who can be present at away games to act as a backup for the team coach in the event we have an injury that requires a hospital trip or the venue splits the team into different locations. We will report back once we have crunched the numbers.

HIRING

The initial postings for most of our openings will close on or close to March 1. We have begun to interview candidates in our high needs areas such as Special Education, so we can get a jump on other districts who may be looking to fill similar positions. The pool is looking quite promising in most of the subject areas. I am hoping to see a surge of Math and Science candidates in the final week of the posting.

EVENTS

Congratulations to the TIOGA WRESTLING TEAM for winning their fourth straight Section IV Division II tournament championship! This has been a season filled with some amazing comebacks and some tough decisions. As always, what sets our athletes apart from the rest is their class and determination!

The ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR is coming up on February 26<sup>th</sup>. I am really looking forward to the Elementary Book Fair even though the line to read to the dogs is REALLY long! This is such an amazing event. Thank you to the Elementary staff for all of the hard work to put this very special community event together!

CONFERENCE DAY on February 28<sup>th</sup> will include "Learners in Crisis" presented by Cindy Middendorf in a morning session. In the afternoon we will have BOCES math experts working with our teachers and administrators on revising the Math curriculum while there will also be a training on how to provide testing accommodations given by Meredith Meister. It looks like a great and productive day for all of our teachers and admin!

## 6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to rescind prior policies 7410 and 7420 in full and adopt newly proposed policies 7410 and 7420.

Dr. Hamilton presented the budget expenditures and staffing estimates to the Board through a power point presentation as well as handouts. Budget discussions will continue at the next board meeting.

*Mr. Lounsbury returned to the meeting at 7:43 pm.*

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to nominate Peter Nowacki to fill the 3-year BOCES Board of Trustees seat to expire on June 30, 2023, and nominate William Powell to fill the 2-year BOCES Board of Trustees seat to expire on June 30, 2022.

## 7. FINANCIAL

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

*Approval of January 2020 Claims Auditor Report  
Approval of January 2020 Extraclassroom Report*

## 8. PERSONNEL

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

*Approval of the following spring coaching appointments:*

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STEP	ACTIVITY	N/C	EXP	LEVEL	PERCENT	LONG	19/20
Kevin	Evanek	Varsity	Baseball		10	3	14	1	6,788
Eric	Gutierrez	Varsity	Track		13	3	14	1	6,788
Kimberlee	Peseky	Modified	Softball		19	3	6	2	3,620
David	Sickler	Varsity	Golf		12	3	11	1	5,430
Charles	Wasielewski Jr.	J.V.	Softball		13	3	9	1	4,525
James	Walsh	Varsity Asst	Track		14	3	9	1	4,525
Adam	MaCauley	J.V.	Baseball		6	3	9		4,073
Jack	Short	Modified	Baseball		5	3	6		2,715
Stephanie	Hills	Varsity	Softball		3	2	12		5,430
James	Burrowes	Modified	Track		1	1	4		1,810

*Approval of the following additions to the substitute lists:*

- Ty Middendorf – Support Staff
- Charles Cornell – Support Staff (Bus Driver)
- Jay House – Support Staff (Bus Driver)
- Kaitlyn Creller – Support Staff and Instructional Staff

## **9. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS**

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve recommendations as presented.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter into executive session at 8:40 pm, to discuss possible litigation.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to return to public session at 9:19 pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Jill Reese  
Clerk