

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2025

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Robert Seymour, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

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

Others:

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, 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 Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the February 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The Legislative breakfast will be held Friday, February 21, 2025, at 7:45am. Scot Taylor and Joshua Roe will be attending and hosting Representative Christopher Friend.

The next Health Trust Consortium meeting will be held on Friday March 21, 2025.

The next Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Scot Taylor will be attending the meeting.

There was nothing to report for other board reports, events, or updates.

Mrs. Camin reported that 5th and 8th grades are working on completing the state required science investigation labs ahead of the state science test, in 8th grade Mr. MaCauley has students doing the labs as part of their regular class period, Mrs. Tibbals is working with 5th grade to complete the labs over 4 days that have been set aside; 5th and 6th grade Mathalon teams are practicing twice a week in preparation for the competition that will be held on March 15th in Waverly; rehearsals for this year's middle school play "Once on This Island, Jr." have begun with a large cast of students; the middle school hosted a Quiz Bowl competition on Friday, 2/7 with 17 teams in attendance from area school districts, Tioga's teams placed 6th and 8th, it was well-executed thanks to the efforts of Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Burrowes; kindness week was held 2/10-2/13, students were "caught" being kind, candy grams were handed out, and posters were put up in the hallways highlighting students for their acts of kindness; the next middle school fun night is this Friday, 2/21, the theme is Winter Ball and students are encouraged to dress up, 5th/6th grades will attend from 3-5pm and 7th/8th grades will attend from 5-7pm.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the elementary school is all about reading and celebrating Read Across America Week, February 24th – February 28th, the Book Fair is all set up, a special spirit week is planned, each morning there will be a special reader on the announcements, parents/grandparents will be visiting classrooms to read special books, along with other fun activities that are planned; thanks to several donations, each student will be able to select one book from the Book Fair; students from Mrs. Pelrah's 8:1:1 class will be working at the Book Fair helping students pick out books and pay for them; Reading Night will take place on Wednesday, February 26th from 3:30-6:30pm in the elementary gym, Mrs. Schultheis has a fun evening planned with lots of activities for district families; plans are being finalized for afterschool sessions of Math and ELA to help boost students in those areas ahead of state testing, Mrs. Hurd will be supplying snacks through the food service program.

Mr. Williams reported that annual review meetings are continuing, the high school meetings will be finished by the end of the month; extended school year services are being planned for the summer.

Mr. Wood reported that members of FFA went to Owego on February 8th to compete in public speaking and leadership, two members will be moving on to substates; the Winter Ball was held on February 13th, thank you to Mrs. Barto for planning and all of the chaperones that helped make the evening special for our students; winter sports are winding down, girls and boys wrestling each have two individuals going to States, cheerleading will compete at the Section IV finals on March 1st; spring sports sign-ups are complete, numbers are great, there will be

modified, JV, and varsity baseball and softball; Mr. Wood also shared progress pictures of the car build, the frame is done, the engine is in, and the body will be going on soon.

Mr. Roe reported that the district website now includes the video feeds from each building that contains news, events, and important reminders; starting July 1st the Board of Education will need to have a student member, Mr. Roe will meet with administrators to review a draft policy and ideas on the selection process, after that meeting he will present both to the Board; the District has two snow days remaining for the year; on February 12th an all call went out to parents/guardians regarding opting in to receive all call messages by text, there was an issue with the opt in text being sent out, School Messenger is working to resolve the issue, we may need to make a change to the company used to send automated messages as School Messenger has become unreliable; thank you to Mr. Keene and his crew for being here on Sunday to move snow, Monday to take care of ice, and extra early Tuesday morning to battle the ice again before staff and students arrived; NYS is experiencing a salt shortage, the Town of Tioga is affected by the shortage and is hoping to have more salt soon; new lighting at the stadium is expected to be installed in early March; a meeting was held with SRO Cipollina, Jim Wood, Tioga County Sheriff officers and NYS troopers to discuss protocol for school threats including what agency to call and the appropriate steps to take.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on initial expenditures for the 25/26 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and will include a continuation of initial expenditures along with initial revenues for the 25/26 school year.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to rescind prior policy 7350 in full and adopt newly proposed policy 7350.

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to review policy 3410 for revision and to place it on the March 5th meeting agenda for adoption.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the January 2025 Treasurers' Report

Approval to declare the following items as surplus for bidding:

2014 Thomas Bus 162 VIN 4UZABRDT7FCFW9750

2017 Thomas Bus 165 VIN 4UZABRDT6HCHP3618

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to accept and approve the letter received from Kenneth Seaver, resigning his grant funded monitor

position pending his appointment to library clerk. Kenneth's last day of service as grant funded monitor will be February 19, 2025

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the following probationary appointment:

Name of Appointee: Kenneth Seaver

Civil Service Position: Library Clerk

Probationary Service Begins: 2/20/2025

Expiration of Probationary Service: 2/19/2026

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the request to extend unpaid leave, not through FMLA, received from Melissa Pettinato beginning March 3, 2025, through April 7, 2025. Melissa's previously approved leave under FMLA was approved through March 2, 2025. Melissa plans to return to work on April 8, 2025.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the letter received from Tabitha Blevins, resigning her food service helper position. Tabitha's last day of service will be February 28, 2025.

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Robert Seymour, seconded by Scot Taylor and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:53pm 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 Robert Seymour, 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 Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:40pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk