

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Administration Building
February 21, 2018

Present: Mr. Ryan Bombard, President
Mr. Jason Bellis, Member
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member
Mrs. Maureen Zorn, Member

Adm./Others: Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. LuEllen Hoyt, TES 1-4 Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, TES UPK-K Principal
Mr. Joshua Roe, HS Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer
Mr. David Keene, Building & Grounds

Others: Mr. Matt Freeze, Morning Times
Mrs. Beth Babcock, Parent

Absent: Mr. Shane Mills, Vice-President

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bombard call the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building. Dr. Hamilton opened by reading a statement regarding school safety at Tioga Central and stated that it would be posted on the website. A moment of silence followed for all those involved with the recent tragedy in Florida.

2. ROLL CALL

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Babcock was in attendance and spoke in regards to school safety at Tioga. Dr. Hamilton mentioned that he would be attending a safety meeting with Senator Akshar on Monday, February 26, in Binghamton.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. REPORTS

Legislative

Mr. Bellis attended the Legislative Breakfast recently and went over some of the highlights of the meeting.

Health Trust Consortium

Mrs. Zorn plans on attending the meeting scheduled for February 23, 2018.

Workers' Compensation Alliance

Mr. Bombard mentioned that a meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2018.

Principals' Reports

Mr. Cook reported that the Modified Wrestling and Girls Basketball seasons are underway along with Drama Club and their performance is coming up the end of March. Academically, the Math Counts team has finished up; on March 2, a group of students will participate in Engineer's Day at Lockheed Martin; the MS Challenge team is competing and will have results broadcast on March 3 on WATS/WAVR radio.

Mr. Roe stated they are sending students to state competition for Robotics and Wrestling. The high school challenge team also competed in the WATS/WAVR Scholarship Challenge.

Mrs. Hoyt said that the elementary celebrated the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day recently; students have been visiting the Kopernik Dome and soon will be visiting the Book Fair both set up on campus.

Mrs. Keene also mentioned the Book Fair and Kopernik Dome visits. Also coming up is Read Across America which ties in with Dr. Seuss' Birthday and the Book Fair. On Wednesday, February 28, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. a reading event will take place in the Elementary Gym with help from the Cady Library and will include many fun events, i.e. craft tables, basket raffles, a reading dog, animal masks, face painting, and a photo booth.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hamilton spoke about the classroom visits and has been invited back by many of the teachers, recently for a great 4th grade curling competition that ended up with a sudden death finish!

Superintendent's Entry Plan Activities

Since the last meeting I have continued getting "out and about". While the "Coffee with the Superintendent" event on January 30 was poorly attended, I have met many parents and grandparents by standing at the ticket line for sporting events. I also finished a grand tour of every PK-6 classroom and every 7-12 English class so I could introduce myself to all of the students. This was a huge success, particularly with students who now say hi to me in the hallways with a mix of "Dr. Hamilton" "Dr. H" and "Doc Hamilton". It is wonderful how quickly the students have become comfortable talking to me and inviting me to see what they are doing in the classroom or the court. I continue to visit with community leaders including the Nichols Town Board, Tioga Town Board, Tioga Chamber of Commerce, Christian Charities, and Community Care Network of Nichols. While the entry meetings are now in full swing and account for up to a third of my schedule, I will be shifting towards even more informal visits to buildings, classrooms and events.

Capital Projects

Nichols Elementary

Following the special meeting of the board to sign and approve the paperwork, TCS has now done everything necessary for Nichols Town Board to approve the sale. Unfortunately, they did not take it up as an item on last week's meeting. I have contacted our attorney to see if he can expedite finalizing this process.

Lighting (2017-18 Outlay Project)

The work is still incomplete due to several light fixtures still back-ordered by the lighting vendor. Fortunately, this has not had any negative impact on students or events.

Phase III Capital Project

I will give a comprehensive board meeting report with visuals and timeline charts as soon as we have final drawings, state approval, and a tentative timeline for the bid and construction.

QUICK UPDATE - We held a meeting of our design committee on January 23rd with addition of Board Members Shane Mills, Jason Bellis, and Kathy Root and made some final tweaks to the design prior to ensure it reflected what the district wanted. We have not received the final drawings based on that meeting, but this isn't a problem because we still have the ability to make some adjustments even after we have received state approval. The plan has been fully submitted to NYS for review. We were successful in our request to have a 3rd Party complete the MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) engineering review which should speed things up. Our reps from Hunt and Hulbert still believe we are on track to begin construction this spring.

Budget Development

We are, as much as possible, following a similar budget development process this year as in the past. This includes getting requests from the schools and departments for new items such as new equipment, staff, and services for 2018-19. These will be presented in the expense side of the budget at the March 7th board meeting in the context of "New Expenditures".

Also....

Tiger Farm meetings continue at a rapid pace. At the recent meeting the Ag club came and shared their desire to focus on the Maple Syrup project this spring and put the Bees on a back burner (perhaps just some club visits to nearby bee keepers). The committee has a draft map with a layout of current and potential projects such as an apple orchard, hoop house, and crop field. PLEASE NOTE – all activity at Tiger Farm and of the Ag Club have been funded entirely by grants and donations. The only district expense has been the time and expertise of our staff.

The Success of our Winter Athletic Teams has been amazing to watch! The commitment of our student athletes, coaches and loyal fans is truly impressive. PLEASE NOTE – the extension of the winter sports seasons may cause some conflicts in facility usage among our own teams and with outside groups such as youth sports. We will do our best to accommodate everyone while also continuing to support our very successful winter athletes!

Dr. Hamilton also gave power point presentation which covered revenues for the upcoming 2018-2019 budget.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated January 17, 2018 and January 31, 2018.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve nominate John Crosby and David Hawley for the BOCES Trustee Vacancies.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the creation of a resolution to be voted on at the March 7 meeting to eliminate election to specific school board seat vacancies.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* Financial Items 9A through E.

10. PERSONNEL: RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* Personnel item 10A.

11. PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENTS

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* Personnel items 11A through E.

12. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to move into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of 1) the medical and employment history of a particular employee and 2) discussing current litigation.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to move out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:19 p.m.

14. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Jill Reese
District Clerk