

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 21, 2024**

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President  
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member  
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member arrived at 6:07pm  
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member  
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

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

Others: Mr. Alex MacDonald

Absent: Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES 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 Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the February 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

The next Legislative meeting will be held on February 23, 2024, Mrs. Lee Wood, member will be attending.

The next Health Trust Consortium meeting date has been changed to March 1, 2024, Mr. Gregory Schweiger, member will be attending.

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 reported that Eric Gutierrez and Jim Burrowes hosted a Middle School Quiz Competition that included several Challenge Teams from the local area; preparations for the Middle School musical, Shrek Jr. are underway for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> performances; modified wrestling and girls' basketball are still underway and going well.

Mrs. Camin reported that site visits are continuing to determine the needs of off campus students and incoming students; Middle School CSE meetings will be held in March and April and will be scheduled around State testing; new teacher and mentor meeting will be next week, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers will be combined for this meeting so they can share tips and thoughts on getting through the month of March, which can be a tough month.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked how it is going securing placements for our students. Mrs. Camin answered that she is finding some placements, and that others are more of a challenge. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is the most challenging group to find placements for and the search is ongoing.

Mr. Scot Taylor, member arrived at 6:07pm

Mr. Wood reported that the Winter Ball was held last Thursday, Mrs. Barto organized another great evening for our students, a big thank you to Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Stahl, Mr. Shay, and Ms. Baron for chaperoning and Mr. Holstein for keeping everything neat and tidy; the next two Saturdays our students will be participating in the WATS/WAVR Scholarship Challenge competition is Sayre; tomorrow we will be sending off our wrestlers to compete at States with a district-wide parade; boys basketball will be at Susquehanna Valley tonight for Sectionals; Mr. Stevens' class will be visiting the Elementary School next week to help students at the Book Fair.

Mrs. Bombard was unable to attend the meeting and provided a written report that was read by Mr. Roe. Mrs. Bombard's report stated that after-school ELA sessions started this week for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, these sessions will be on Tuesday's for the next six weeks, thank you to Anna Hurd for providing our students with snacks on these days; currently there are 29 families interested in Fall 2024 UPK, advertising for the program will begin at the end of this week, phone calls to set up screening appointments will happen at the end of next week along with completing registration packets, Pre-K screening will be held the third week of April; Pre-K had their first opportunity to swim in the pool this week when they celebrated P for Pool, a HUGE thank you to the Pre-K teachers and monitors for helping the kids change, get lifejackets on, and for making sure there were no sharks in the pool; next week we will be celebrating Read Across America, there will be a reading themed spirit week, parents will be coming in to read to students in small groups, the Scholastic Book Fair will be set up all week, and Wednesday night will be the annual Reading Night from 4-7pm in the elementary gym with lots of fun stations for our families to enjoy; students from Mr. Stevens' class will be working at the book fair helping the little tigers; Mrs. Schultheis has planned and coordinated a very special week for our students and families.

Mr. Roe reported that we have an SRO candidate that will be a good fit for the district, he lives in Waverly and is retired from the State Police, he will potentially start on March 4<sup>th</sup> and Rick Borchardt from Upstate Security Consultants will spend the first few weeks onsite to get him acclimated; LeChase is doing a great job as the new construction management team overseeing our project work, they are on top of planning and are coordinating what work can be done over breaks to keep the project moving to help ensure that all work is completed before the beginning of the 24/25 school year.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on initial expenditures for the 24/25 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and will include a continuation of initial expenditures and initial revenues for the 24/25 school year.

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

*Prior to voting on the Old/New Business Agenda, the board discussed the letter received from Linda Gretz requesting to be considered for one of the open BOCES Trustee seats.*

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to nominate David Hawley and Linda Gretz for the two available BOCES Trustee seats.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval** of the January 2024 Treasurer's Report*

***Approval** of the January 2024 Extraclassroom Report*

***Approval and award** of the bid for the 2023-24 Capital Outlay Project Lighting Replacement as outlined in the letter of recommendation, dated February 20, 2024, from King+King Architects, totaling \$49,000.00*

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the following additions(s) to the sub list(s):

*Jacob Temple- Support Staff*

*Charles Cornell- Support Staff*

*Susan Rogers- Support Staff retroactive to 2/12/24*

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

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter executive session at 6:55pm 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 Scot Taylor, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 7:52pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury seconded by Joshua Whitmore and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Kristy Robertson  
Clerk