

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
February 24, 2021

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Scot Taylor, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal
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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Board Minutes dated January February 3, 2021 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Zwierlein reported that she attended the Legislative Breakfast on February 5 via Zoom. Akshar, Lupardo, and Friend among others were in attendance as well. When the official minutes are released, Mrs. Zwierlein will share with the board.

Mr. Schweiger reported that there is a Health Trust Consortium meeting scheduled for March 5, 2021 and he is planning on attending.

Mr. Lounsbury stated that another district is pulling out of the Workers' Compensation Alliance. At this time there is a lot of uncertainty, there will be a meeting coming up in a few weeks and maybe some questions will be answered.

Mrs. Bombard offered a re-cap of the elementary data reports from last meeting; next week is Read Across America week; her teachers have recorded 20+ stories that parents and students will be able to view at home. Mrs. Bombard stressed that they are not doing away with the art program at the elementary school for next year, just changing the way it looks.

Mr. Cook stated that they were able to get some remote students back to in-person learning and that is good news. Also mentioned that B. Sindoni has qualified individually in the Math Counts competition.

Mr. Roe reported that he met with teachers today and that went very well; there is definitely some COVID fatigue amongst the students and staff; they have started working on plans for next year.

Mrs. Keene had nothing to report.

Mrs. Meister stated that she finalized her Pals and Oaktree programs and had her Junior's meeting today; she is also working on SOCE requirements

Mr. Taylor spoke about Athletics - Kudos to the coaches, Mr. Houseknecht and Mr. Roe for the sport's season underway; also, congratulations to the boy's bowling team for winning the league championships; currently, Tioga County does not allow fans at the sporting events; a plan for reopening the pool has been submitted to the county and we are waiting on approval; remote student percentage is down to 9% now; with regards to NYS testing and Regents, we are meeting and planning on how this will take place; Mr. Taylor has begun work on planning for the next Capital Project, and suggests we do not wait for the next Superintendent to take office before we start the process.

There was a brief discussion on suggestions for committee members and how to choose them with regards to the upcoming Superintendent search.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to review policy 7552 for any possible amendments and to place it on the March 3, 2021 agenda for adoption.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to authorize the transfer of \$270,000 from unappropriated fund balance to budget codes A162145004CO and multiple .15, .16, and .45 accounts in multiple functions, to fund the ordinary contingent expenses of acquisition of additional personal protective equipment for pandemic response and to cover salary increases for all staff per agreements and to cover additional ordinary materials and classroom supplies.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the creation of a live-stream videographer position.

6. FINANCIAL

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

Approval of the January 2021 Claims Auditor Report
Approval of the November 2020 Financial Report
Approval of the January 2021 Extraclassroom Report
Approval of the following Food Service items:

- *Chicken Products for 2021-22*
- *Processed Food Bids for 2021-22*

Mr. Taylor started budget discussions with regard to state revenues for 2021-22 budget season. Budget discussions will continue at future board meetings during the month of March.

7. PERSONNEL

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

Rescind the following previously approved 20-21 coaching positions:

- *K. Pesesky – Mod. Girls Basketball*
- *R. MacWhinnie – V. Assistant Wrestling*
- *D. Ford – Mod. Volleyball*
- *R. VanScoy – Mod. Volleyball*

Approval of the following coaches for the Fall II season for 20-21:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STEP	ACTIVITY
Nick	Aiello	Varsity	Football
Jason	Bellis	Modified	Football
Angela	Engelbert	J.V.	Field Hockey
Kevin	Evanek	Assistant	Football
Desiree	Ford	Varsity	Volleyball
Stanley	Siberski	Modified	Football
Rachel	VanScoy	JV	Volleyball
James	Walsh	Varsity	Soccer - Girls
Adam	MaCauley	Assistant	Football
James	Wood	J.V.	Football
Jordan	Hathaway	J.V.	Football
James	Burrowes	Varsity	Cross Country
Stephanie	Hills	Modified	Soccer - Girls
Kara	Steele	Modified	Cross Country
Joellen	Riggs	Varsity	Field Hockey
Rebecca	Bouyae	Voluneer	Field Hockey
Kaylee	Uhl	Voluneer	Cross Country
Stephanie	Hills	Modified	Volleyball

*Modified

Approval of the letter of intent to retire from Charles Wasielewski, Jr. and request for payment of unused sick days effective June 30, 2021.

Approval of student teacher, Kellie Wainwright, with Nichole Bradley, HS Math

Approval of Rebecca Bouyae to be added to Instructional Staff Sub List

8. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations as presented.

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There were comments/questions from public attendees regarding the Art/Agriculture position recently posted. Mr. Taylor and the principals were able to briefly respond to those comments.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter into executive session at 7:44 pm.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 8:06 pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk