

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Chris Klossner, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, HS Dean of Students
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Karen MacCartney

Absent: Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the February 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein reported that she was unable to attend the Legislative Breakfast on February 24th at the last minute. She will give an update once the minutes from the meeting are available.

Mr. Roe reported that Mr. Gregory Schweiger attended the Health Trust Consortium meeting on February 24th. A new experience rating model was proposed and approved; this will save the district some money; it was also proposed and approved to disburse excess funds back to

component districts, Tioga will receive a disbursement; Kendra Seaver was approved to be the new Health Trust Consortium Treasurer.

Mr. Aaron Lounsbury reported that the Workers' Compensation Alliance will have a meeting soon, he will update the board on the meeting date at the next meeting.

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

Mrs. Meister was unable to attend the meeting, she submitted a written report for the board; all 8th grade meetings are complete with no major changes; 6th and 7th grade meetings are scheduled, and 5th grade will be scheduled soon; preschool placements are being worked on; CSE needs for the 23-24 school year are being assessed now, including transportation needs.

Mr. Cook reported that this is the last week of modified winter sports; practice and preparation for the MS play continues, there will be an evening performance on March 24th and an afternoon performance on March 25th; Math-a-lon will be competing on March 25th; the middle school quiz bowl competition will be held on March 18th; letters have been sent home to students of concern.

Mrs. Camin was unable to attend the meeting, she submitted a written report for the board; at the computer based testing training there was an opportunity to work with NY Question Sampler (questarai.com), students will be able use this to practice ahead of the test to become familiar with taking the state test on the computer, we already have in place touchscreen Chromebooks, the next step in preparing students will come from the BOCES supported program, eDoctrina; science assessment for grades 5 and 8 had a zoom training last week, the team came well prepared and already knew most of the information given, small labs will need to be completed throughout the school year and then a written test will be given in May/June, the middle school has already begun the process of evaluating lab needs and inventory; March 10th is a regional conference day with the opportunity to attend professional development events outside of the district, teachers were provided with information on a variety of available trainings and were asked to coordinate with their building principal, Tami Mann from Binghamton University will be in district doing a presentation on teacher certification and answering questions.

Mrs. Bombard was unable to attend the meeting, she submitted a written report for the board; the book fair arrived last week, students were able to get a preview last Friday; Mr. Stevens' class helped students fill out wish lists to take home to parents; Read Across America week began on Monday with guest readers, spirit week, and shopping at the book fair; staff from the elementary are visiting classrooms to read books that were chosen by students and students are "touring" the building and reading to different adults; tonight is Reading Night, students will attend stations that are reading themed and shop at the book fair with their parents, thank you to Mrs. Schultheis and her volunteers who have worked for weeks to set this up; 5 week reports go home next week; letters and calls home for attendance issues are making a difference, a positive letter is sent home when attendance improves; Ms. Jessica Clark will have alpacas from Twilight Alpaca Farms in her classroom on Friday and students will be learning more about

alpacas and items made from their coats; letters and advertisements for kids entering kindergarten next year have gone out, kindergarten screening will be May 9– 11; letters and advertisement for PreK will go out next week, PreK screening will be May 15-17.

Mr. Isaacs acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Bombard and Mr. Bill Stevens for getting his students involved with the book fair; he also thanked Ms. Santobuono and the Art Club for the mural work they are doing in the high school cafeteria; kudos to coach Harrington and his wrestlers for the outstanding job at the state meet.

Mr. Roe provided the board members with the written reports from Mrs. Meister, Mrs. Camin, and Mrs. Bombard; he invited the board to visit reading night in the elementary gym after the meeting; Ms. Jessica Clark will have alpacas in her elementary classroom on Friday; Tioga wrestling won their 4th consecutive state tournament team title and had 2 individual 1st place winners; the boys basketball team is on a hot streak in the sectional tournament they defeated the #1 seed, Delhi and the #4 seed, Watkins Glen, they will play again Saturday; there was an initial athletic facilities upgrade meeting last week, the target date to begin the project tentatively looks to be between May 9th-15th, graduation will not be held at the football stadium this year, the next meeting will be with the architect and engineers; Phase II of the 18 million dollar capital project is waiting for state review and approval, this part of the project will include middle school HVAC updates, high school kitchen renovation, stone work, and replacement of the elementary gym divider; currently the district has used 4 of the 5 weather days that have been built into the calendar.

Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, member asked if the district was looking at the option of having a remote learning day if needed. Mr. Roe responded that two options were being considered, a remote learning day or making May 26th an instructional day instead of a non-instructional day.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on initial revenues for the 23/24 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and will include initial expenditures for the 23/24 school year.

6. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Rescind the following 22/23 co-curricular appointment:

Mason Tate FFA/Ag Club Advisor

Approval of the following co-curricular appointment:

Mason Tate FFA (FKA Ag Club) Advisor (1/2)

Jessica Clark FFA (FKA Ag Club) Advisor (1/2)

Approval of the following addition(s) to the sub list(s):

Jennifer Collins- Instructional Staff & Support Staff (Monitor)

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:40pm 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 Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 7:40pm.

9. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk