

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2022

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent  
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal  
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal  
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Student Services  
Mr. Jacob Roe, HS Principal  
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer  
Mr. Jim Houseknecht, Athletic Events Supervisor

**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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the February 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

There was nothing to report for Legislative. There is a Health Consortium meeting scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2022, and Mr. Schweiger is planning on attending. There is a Workers' Compensation meeting scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Lounsbury is hoping to be able to attend.

Mr. Houseknecht stopped in to let the Board know about a telephone call he recently received from the athletic director at Notre Dame. The AD was calling to praise Tioga students, fans, athletes, and coaches. This stemmed from a sectional boys' basketball game recently played at N.D. High School.

Mr. Cook stated that progress reports will go out on Monday; parent teacher conferences will be held on March 11; there will be a Fun Night on March 10<sup>th</sup>; and the middle school is prepping for the upcoming NYS tests.

Mrs. Meister reported that she will have 9 students with IEPs graduating this June; she also shared a success story and a thank you from Kamden Potter's mom for all the work done with her son, Kamden, he has completely done a 180 from when he first transferred into Tioga. Originally, he hated to come to school and was a behavior problem, he now comes to school with a great attitude, will graduate with a Regent's Diploma and his ultimate goal is to be an underwater welder!

Mrs. Bombard reported that Read Across America is happening this week, they will have guest readers coming in, Friday: Cinderella will read to the UPK, K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders, and Coach Aiello and some athletes will read to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders; the Top Tiger assembly will be on Friday; 5-week reports go home on Monday; ELA and Math sessions are currently happening; and the Art & Ag students will be tapping trees and collecting sap to be made into maple syrup.

Mr. Jake Roe mentioned that the Alexis Davis was nominated and received the Golden Owl Award recently; there will be a pep rally tomorrow to celebrate all the winter athletics; a 99% graduation rate has been projected for this school year!

Mr. Josh Roe stated that masks in the school are now optional for students and staff; we have a large number of COVID tests available and they will be offered to families to keep on hand at home; we are currently working on the school calendar for 2022-23.

Mr. Josh Roe started discussions on the budget for the 2022-23 school year, beginning with expenditures. Budget discussions will continue at the next meeting and will include revenues.

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

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the following resolutions:

*WHEREAS, the Tioga Central School District's Architect and Engineer, King & King Architects, has determined that the roof membrane of the building and pool has come off and that the roof failure has created a situation jeopardizing the students and staff and affecting the health safety and property of the District, its employees and students, and requires immediate action which cannot wait competitive bidding,*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and considered the report of its Architects regarding the necessity for the immediate repair and mediation of the roof, and any related site remediation; and*

*WHEREAS, the Emergency Project work is required to preserve the health and safety of the students and staff and for protection of the District's property; and*

*WHEREAS, the District's Architect has opined that this scope of work is a Type II SEQRA action.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:*

- 1. The Board has determined that the emergency roof repair project is a Type II Action under the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no further review.*
- 2. That pursuant to § 103 (4) of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Education declares that an emergency exists because the roof is damaged and causing a safety situation at the school building. The damage affects safety and property of the District, its employees and students, and requires immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding. The Board finds that the proposed repairs, remediation, preservation, and replacement of property of the District must be undertaken without delay. The Board further finds that such work is necessary for the protection and safety of students, employees and the property of the District.*
- 3. The maximum estimated cost of the Emergency Project as determined by the School District's Architect, is approximately \$460,000. The funding source for the project will be the General Fund balance, potential proceeds from prior construction warranties and insurance claims, and to the maximum extent possible, State building aid. The Board further authorizes the awarding of contracts and the purchasing for this work, without competitive bidding, and such work to commence immediately.*
- 4. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Emergency Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to apply for any eligible State building aid and to recover any available insurance proceeds.*
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.*

*King & King, Architects, selected by the Tioga Central School District has recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that the emergency roof repair project is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project is therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA.*

*RESOLVED that the Tioga Central School District Board of Education acting as lead agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations and upon the recommendation of the School District's architect hereby determines that the emergency roof repair project is Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.*

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore and carried by a vote of 7-0 to nominate Nicholas Matyas, William Powell and Sandra Ruffo for the three available BOCES Trustee seats.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

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

*Approval of revisions to the January 2022 Extraclassroom Report*  
*Approval of October 2021 Financial Report*

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

*Approval of the revision to Varsity Track coaching appointment for Eric Gutierrez, percentage was revised to 14% and noted in the 2/16/22 minutes.*

*Approval of the appointment of Kelly Tesar to Deputy Treasurer, effective 3/3/2022 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 year and up to the Reorganization Meeting for the 2022-2023 year with no additional compensation as this is part of the Central Business Office service.*

*Approval of the following additions to the substitute lists:*  
*Thomas Cook – Instructional Staff*  
*Norman Strauss – Support Staff*

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

There were no questions/comments from the public.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter executive session at 7:16 pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 7:45 pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Jill Reese  
Clerk