

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
ZOOM  
March 3, 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. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Pupil Services  
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal  
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk  
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

Absent: Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction

**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 Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Board Minutes dated January February 24, 2021 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

**4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

There was nothing to report for Legislative or Workers' Compensation Alliance.

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

Mrs. Bombard stated the elementary is down to only having 18 remote students; they are beginning to talk about how NYS testing will look and trying to plan, but there are many unknowns; Read Across America is happening now with links to bed time stories found on the Tioga Central website. Thanks to Mr. Aiello for helping out with this.

Mr. Cook stated that the middle school is also are discussing how NYS testing may work this year.

Mr. Roe reported that he received a call from Mr. Carver at WATS/WAVR last Thursday asking if we were going to participate in the Challenge this year. We were unaware this was happening! Mr. Roe reached out to students and faculty to see if there was interest as the Challenge was scheduled for that Saturday! Four students came forward as well as staff volunteers and the team was able to participate on Saturday and will now be heading to the finals! Ms. Chianese chaperoned the group and will chaperone them at the finals in a couple weeks.

Mrs. Meister stated that she held 10 CSE meetings today; she is working on early interventions and new referrals as well as a situation with one of our BOCES students.

Mr. Taylor spoke of the NYS 3-8 testing and Regents, as of now they are still happening, however NYS is getting a lot of push back from school districts across the state, due to many still in remote status; we are looking at starting a program next year to bring an off campus special education student on campus, along with another anticipated student enrollment, this will require an increase in staffing and some equipment purchases, but will be a benefit in the long run.

Mr. Taylor met with Hulbert Engineering today regarding the possibility of an upcoming project, stating it would be wise to begin the process now and there would be little, probably, no impact on the tax payers.

Regarding athletics, the league and Tioga County have approved 2 spectators per athlete to attend home events only while following protocols. Outdoor events may have may have different protocols and more information will follow. We will continue to live stream events.

There was a question from a public attendee asking how Regents testing will be handled for the remote students. Mr. Roe responded, stating that we are waiting on guidance from NYS.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the budget calendar and proposed expenditures for the 2021-22 budget with the Board. Review will continue at the next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned some key dates: Petitions due on April 19, Public Hearing on May 5, and Vote and Election will be held on May 18.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the budget calendar as presented.

## **5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to rescind prior policy 7552 in full and adopt newly proposed policy 7552.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to nominate John Crosby and David Hawley for the three-year terms and nominate Nick Matyas for the one-year term for the offices of BOCES Board of Education members.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the SEQRA Resolution for the 2021-22 Capital Outlay project as follows:

*BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, as follows:*

Section 1. *It is hereby determined that the Board adopting this resolution has declared itself to be the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder for purposes of determining the environmental impact of the project described in Section 3 hereof.*

Section 2. *Upon the recommendation of the School District's architects and engineers, it is hereby determined that the project described in Section 3 hereof is a Type II Action which under the regulations promulgated under SEQRA, it is hereby determined, will not have a significant impact upon the environment.*

Section 3. *The project which is the subject of this resolution is described as follows:*

*Replacement of the existing lighting in the Elementary School classrooms/corridors with LED fixtures.*

Section 4. *This resolution shall take effect immediately.*

## **6. FINANCIAL**

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

*Approval of the February 2021 Overtime Report*

## **7. PERSONNEL**

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

*Approval of the letter from J. Medovich requesting unpaid leave under FMLA*

*Approval of the following additions to the Substitute/Volunteer lists:*

- *Jacob Evanek – Volunteer*
- *Joshua Manuel – Support Staff*
- *Kaleigh Akins – Instructional Staff*

*Approval of the following volunteer coaches retro March 1, 2021:*

- *Des Ford – Volleyball*
- *Rachel VanScoy - Volleyball*

## **8. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, 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 as follows:

How are final exams going to happen for remote students? Mr. Roe stated Google Classroom

Will there be remote learning next school year? Mr. Roe stated NYS will determine this, there are many unknowns at this time.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter into executive session at 7:10 pm.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:30 pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Jill Reese  
Clerk