

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2025

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Robert Seymour, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, MS Principal
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Michael Williams, Director of CSE
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive/Deputy Clerk

Others: Mr. Scott Cipollina, District SRO
Mrs. Tammy Hulbert
Mr. Eugene Hulbert
Ms. Edith Hulbert

Absent: Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

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

Mr. Eugene Hulbert addressed the Board regarding his granddaughter, a high school student and Varsity wrestler. Mr. Hulbert voiced his concerns regarding the district's decision to remove his granddaughter from the wrestling team. Mr. Hulbert indicated that the events leading up to the removal did not warrant such a harsh consequence and he provided feedback on why those events should not have been held against her. Mr. Hulbert also questioned if the chain of command was followed and if proper notification was made to the parent.

Mrs. Tammy Hulbert addressed the Board regarding her granddaughter, a high school student and Varsity wrestler. Mrs. Hulbert voiced her concerns regarding the district's decision to remove her granddaughter from the wrestling team. She also reviewed the timeline of events

and provided additional information regarding those events. Mrs. Hulbert questioned if the proper chain of command was followed. She also indicated that her granddaughter was not notified by the coach that she was removed from the team, she was told by a teammate. Mrs. Hulbert felt that her granddaughter was unaware that there was a problem.

Mrs. Cathi Root thanked the Hulbert's for coming to the meeting and sharing their version of events with the Board.

Eugene Hulbert, Tammy Hulbert, and Edith Hulbert left at 6:24pm.

Scott Cipollina, District SRO thanked the Board and administrators for trusting him and Upstate Securities to be part of the Tioga team, things are going well, and he truly enjoys serving the community in this capacity. Mr. Roe indicated that Scott is modest about his role in the district, and it is hard to remember how we did it without him and his invaluable contacts. After being asked by Mrs. Root, Scott suggested looking into adding numbering on the outside of the building to help outside agencies navigate if there is an emergency and continuing the ongoing communication and collaboration with outside agencies on a quarterly basis.

Scott Cipollina left at 6:32pm.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the February 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The Legislative breakfast was held on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 7:45am. Scot Taylor and Joshua Roe were in attendance. Mr. Taylor reported that Representative Chris Friend was not in attendance, although several others were. There is a long-standing lack of understanding among Representatives regarding school aid and how school funding works. Electric busses were discussed, Albany may be starting to realize that the electric bus mandates may need to be slowed down due to the lack of proper infrastructure and rapidly changing technology. Mr. Roe reported that he discussed concerns regarding prescription drug costs with Representative Josh Riley, who acknowledged that it is very concerning.

The next Health Trust Consortium meeting will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025.

The next Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Scot Taylor will be attending the meeting.

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

Mrs. Camin reported that 5-week reports have gone home, a total of 25 students are failing 2 or more subjects, 17 of those are in 8th grade, the 8th grade team will be meeting next Tuesday to

discuss ways to address the number of failing students. Mrs. Cathi Root asked if there were courses that being failed more than others, Mrs. Camin indicated that math is a challenge as students are being prepared for 9th grade. Mrs. Camin continued her report by thanking Ms. Sheldon, student council, faculty and staff for another successful and well attended Fun Friday that included dancing and dodgeball in dresses and suits; last Friday was the first ever pep rally at the middle school and it was a huge success, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Macumber organized the event that included a month long attendance challenge and lunchtime challenges the week of, Mr. Aiello was the emcee of the pep rally, several rounds of castle ball were played, Garrett Godfrey led the rollercoaster wave, and the tiger mascot made an appearance; more activities are coming up for the month of March; Tioga was well represented at the instrumental portion of All County last weekend for the middle school, next weekend will be the chorus portion for the middle school at Waverly; the Scholarship Challenge team will be competing at the Sayre theater this weekend; Mathalon is coming up as well; middle school drama club will be presenting Once On This Island, Jr. on March 21st and 22nd.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the elementary school celebrated dental health month, Lalor Family Dental sent a team to give a dental health presentation to our PreK – 2nd grade students; last week we celebrated Read Across America week that included almost 400 attendees at Reading Night, cannot thank Annemarie Schultheis enough for all she does, the event gets bigger and bigger each year, profits from the book fair allow books to get into the hands of our students; 1st grade had a field trip to the Clemens Center; student of concern meetings are being held, students have been hit hard by the stomach bug and the flu causing extended absences that are impacting learning, students are missing a lot of work, plans are being worked out to catch students up while maintaining learning momentum, the plans include every available body in the elementary school and high school helpers; ELA and Math prep classes will be starting afterschool soon.

Mr. Williams reported high school annual review meetings are complete; middle school meetings started this week and have allowed him to get to know more staff; a site visit to the Racker Center allowed him to meet more of our students; preparations for state testing/alt assessments are underway; this Friday there is another directors' meeting, these meetings have been very helpful to get to know others in the same position; part of the Mr. Williams's entry plan into the district included weekly thank you notes, and the first one is to the maintenance worker who installed the bulletin board and put smiley face push pins on the board.

Mr. Wood reported that 5-week reports are out, this is the toughest 5-weeks since he has been a principal, roughly 30% of students failed at least one subject, students are finding other ways to get out of work now that they do not have their phones, focus will be on study halls being better utilized ahead of the Conference day by making them more structured, grade level staff are working together to make plans for getting students caught up, there is one senior of concern; 9 high school chorus members went to Owego for All County last weekend, Brooke Delmage attended as part of the Sr. High Jazz band, where she rewrote the music for her part

since flutes are not usually a part of a jazz band, All County will continue this weekend at Waverly; winter sports post-season is underway with boys and girls wrestling, boys and girls bowling, and cheerleading competing; last Saturday, 31 of our coaches spent the day getting recertified, those unable to attend will go to Odessa on the 9th to recertify; John Delmage from the Tioga County Sheriff's office, along with two of his colleagues will be on campus March 17th to do a DWI simulator with the students in gym class, as well as drunk goggles simulation and a presentation; spring sports numbers look great, our JV baseball team will have a limited number of games due to other programs having smaller numbers.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked if there were any courses that stuck out as a concern. Mr. Wood indicated that it seems to be more grade level focused instead of courses. Mr. Roe also added that historically, these five weeks are always the worst.

Mr. Roe reported that the new light poles at the stadium are in, and concrete is poured, the new lights will be controlled by a phone app instead of a control panel with dozens of switches.

Mr. Wood left the meeting at 7:09pm

Mr. Roe continued his report and stated that work will continue on the new stadium lighting, including finishing the poles, adjusting the aim of the lights to cover the field, and ground repair around the new poles, all work is expected to be completed by the time the track team is outside; two new scoreboards for the high school gym are expected to be delivered in April and installed over spring break; in two weeks there will be a meeting to plan for work over the summer on the waste water treatment plant; there is a meeting next Tuesday for the first review of the building condition survey in preparation to bring it to the Board.

Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein asked for an update on the banners. Mr. Roe responded that they are on the way and will be on display in the gym before graduation.

Mr. Roe addressed the Board regarding the process for selecting a student Board member, that is mandated by law to begin 7/1/25. The initial process was written up to include an interview process. After conversation regarding what other districts are doing to select a student Board member, there are two options for that process. Option 1 would be an application and election process with the members of National Honor Society (NHS), one student would be elected as the student Board member and alternates could also be selected.

Mr. Wood returned to the meeting at 7:12pm

Mr. Roe's discussion regarding student Board member continued and he stated that the NHS advisor thinks this would be a great opportunity. Option 2 would be an open application and interview process for any rising member of the junior class. Mr. Roe asked the Board for direction on what they would like to see for the election process of the student member. Mrs.

Root indicated that the NHS pathway is intriguing. Mr. Taylor also added the downside is that NHS is limiting, the student member should be a representative of the school community, like the Board is, each year there are outstanding students that do not make NHS. Alternates could also be selected as part of the interview process.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on initial revenues and an updated look at expenditures for the 25/26 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and will include a continuation of initial expenditures and revenues for the 25/26 school year.

Mr. Scot Taylor left the meeting at 7:37pm

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Scot Taylor returned to the meeting at 7:40pm

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the creation of Building Maintenance Mechanic position.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval to rescind prior policy 3410 in full and adopt newly revised policy 3410

Approval of the Agreement between the Broome-Tioga-Delaware Health Insurance Consortium and the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District to supply treasurer duties for the 25/26 school year as presented.

Approval to nominate Sandra Ruffo and Nicholas Matyas for two of the three available BOCES Trustee seats.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the January 2025 Extraclassroom Report.

8. PERSONNEL

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

Approval to revoke Renee Wainwright's appointment as Central Treasurer- Extraclassroom Activity Account for the 2024-25 school year, with her last day of service being March 5, 2025

Approval to appoint Taylor Robertson as Central Treasurer- Extraclassroom Activity Account for the 2024-25 school year, effective March 6, 2025, and until such time as the Board may revoke the appointment

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Kimberly Quinn, resigning her School Nurse position. Kimberly's last day of service will be August 15, 2025

Approval of the following addition(s) to the substitute list(s) for the 24-25 school year:

- *Toni Ellis- Support Staff*
- *Sarah Seeley- Support Staff*

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Robert Seymour and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 7:46pm 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 Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 8:29pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Robert Seymour and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk