

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Board Room
March 6, 2019

Present: Mr. Ryan Bombard, President
Mrs. Tamara Booser, Member
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Shane Mills, Vice-President (arrived at 6:17)
Mrs. Cathi Root, Member
Mrs. Maureen Zorn, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member

Adm./Others: Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Principal
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal
Mrs. Diane Tavelli,
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk

Others: Staff: K. Seaver, M. Barbieri
Students: A. Bloss, O. Wanck, G. Watson
Others: Keith Pond, Scott and Peggy Bloss, Johnny Williams

Absent: Mrs. LuEllen Hoyt, Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bombard called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated February 6, 2019 for the Regular Meeting at presented.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated February 25, 2019 for the Special Meeting at presented.

Welding Class Presentation

Mr. Barbieri and three students from the HS Welding class were in attendance and gave a brief presentation on two of the projects they recently completed or will complete. Both projects, a fire pit and horse figure, were made possible because of the plasma cutter that was donated to the class by Jeff Gural. The fire pit is complete and currently being raffled off to raise money for

the welding class. The horse figurine is slated to be a thank you gift for an important community member.

6:14 p.m. Mr. Barbieri, students, and parents left.

5. REPORTS

6: 16 p.m. Mr. Mills arrived

Legislative – Nothing to report

Health Trust Consortium – There is a meeting scheduled for March 29, 2019 at the Binghamton Club. Mrs. Zorn is planning on attending if possible but asked if other Board Members might be on call in case she is unable to attend.

Workers' Compensation Alliance – Nothing to report

Other Board Comments – Nothing to report

Mr. Cook

The Jr. High Scholarship Challenge team has been competing recently; MS play practice is beginning; winter sports have finished up; progress reports went home, 7th grade student reports were not good and Mr. Cook has been speaking to his staff about this; MS students are getting ready for the upcoming NYS ELA tests.

Mr. Roe

HS Scholarship Challenge team is the only public school to make it to the final four of the WATS/WAVR competition this Saturday; Sectional Championship for the bowling team and also have 1 student, C. Pond who qualified in the top 6 in NYS; Wrestling acquired a Div. II State Title and 2nd place finish in large school competition; Monday a send-off for J. Lamb was held in the HS, J. Lamb will be competing in the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi; the HS 5-week reports were also not good, attendance, homework, classwork, delays, and snow days may have played a part in these grades.

Mrs. Keene

We have been doing a lot of work on safety recently including the Lockdown Drill; a presentation at a recent conference day and it all seems to be well received by staff; there was a Tiger Farm meeting today there was some discussion about the natural water area and what type of trees and plants could be planted in that area.

Ryan Bombard added

There was a great turnout in the Elementary for the Reading night. It was a great atmosphere with many different stations that included artwork displays, face painting, the reading dog, and many others.

Dr. Hamilton

Weather!

If only the groundhog had been right this time! The weather lately has been a challenge with several closing, delays, or cancelations due to cold and snow. We are still OK in terms of total number of days of attendance but it has been a challenging winter so far with several more weeks of winter weather predicted. We are keeping a VERY close eye to try and avoid major changes to the spring schedule. If you have any special magic to bring the spring quicker, please use it!

Capital Project Phase I

The work is complete! We have completed our pay applications and paperwork with Hunt A&E so our next step is working with Fiscal Advisors to finalize the project and submit it to the state education department (SED) prior to the end of June. We are on target to begin receiving our building aid starting in the 2019-20 school year budget. It is important to note that Tioga Central's building aid ratio is nearly 90%! That means the district pays only 10 cents on the dollar for all construction, technology, and new furniture purchased under a capital project! This is why we have worked to do a complete top to bottom renovation of any spaces allowable within the SED project scope so we can maximize our state aid. All of our contractors are substantially complete and done with their final punch lists. The only exception is some exterior work such as the wall finishes on the HS entrance that will be completed in late spring under the 1-year warranty period.

Capital Outlay Project

Take Two! After some confusion with the original bid documents, we have re-bid our annual \$100,000 Capital Outlay project and will have a clean contract award recommendation to the board for this meeting. This week we are opening bids for the Project included in the 18/19 general budget. The focus of this next project will be new LED lighting in hallways and classrooms. These new fixtures are much more energy efficient and far easier to maintain saving us both time AND money.

Transportation

We are making slow and steady progress with our transportation issues. We now have enough regular drivers to cover our runs more consistently with two more drivers in the process of being trained. Our combination positions like driver+cleaner are attracting new applicants as well which will continue to increase our driver pool. While we still are short of drivers overall, we are in better shape than we were a few months ago.

Meanwhile, we are addressing the staff and parent communication issues that we discovered during the recent bus 169 issue. Our radio vendor is doing a topographical map of the district and bringing us some options to boost the 2-way radio signal in the areas where we are losing signal. We have also placed a new notebook in every bus to provide drivers with consistent protocols and contact information. These protocols will be the same district-wide for drivers, administrators, and transportation staff. Finally, we have developed contact lists allowing us to call the families of a particular bus in the event of a significant delay or issue with their run. These steps should greatly improve our ability to communicate with staff and families when weather and mechanical issues occur.

Review of the 2019-20 Budget was presented to the Board and others in attendance, this review included expenditures and some of the factors driving the numbers up. Revenues were also discussed in this presentation. Budget review will continue at the March 20 meeting.

A MOTION was made by Maureen Zorn, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to nominate Joseph Burns, Ursula Hambalek , and Sandra Ruffo to BOCES trustee seats. The annual meeting and election will be held on April 23, 2019.

A MOTION was made by Ryan Bombard, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to make the following changes to the board meeting calendar:

- Add a meeting on April 23, 2019 (BOCES budget vote)
- Move meeting scheduled for 5/1/19 to 5/8/19 (Reg. Meeting & Public Hearing)
- Move meeting scheduled for 5/14/19 to 5/21/19 (Tioga Budget Vote/Election)

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Ryan Bombard, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve *Financial Consent Agenda* items A-C as follows:

Approval of Meat & Cheese Bid for the period 3/1/19-4/30/19
Approval of January 2019 Extraclassroom Report
Approval of February 2019 Overtime Report

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Ryan Bombard, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve *Personnel Consent Agenda* items A-D as follows:

Approval of the letter of retirement from LuEllen Hoyt, Elementary Principal, effective September 11, 2019. Mrs. Hoyt will receive payment for remaining sick and vacation days at the time of retirement.

Approval of the letter of resignation received from Lee-Ann Schumacher, Monitor, effective March 14, 2019.

Approval for Jim Houseknecht to continue as Athletic Events Supervisor through June 30, 2019.

Approval of the following additions to the volunteer and substitute lists:
Amber Swartley – Volunteer
Stan Siberski – Volunteer
Marissa Potter – Instructional Staff Substitute

9. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Ryan Bombard, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the CSE/CPSE/504 recommendations as presented.

10. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Pond commented on the budget presentation stating that it is easier for elderly and others to have small increases in the budget amount yearly as opposed to large increases once every few years. He also commented that he thought that part of the problem with the bus 169

incident was the fact that the Transportation Supervisor was unable to be in the bus garage that day, as he had to drive a bus.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to recess for Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Pond, Mrs. Keene, Mrs. Tavelli, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Seaver, and Mr. Williams all left at this time.

A motion was made by Ryan Bombard, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to regular session at 9:22 p.m.

12. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Ryan Bombard, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Jill Reese
District Clerk