

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction/CSE Chair
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the February 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Lee Wood attended the Legislative Breakfast held on Friday, February 23, 2024. Mrs. Wood reported that there were four legislators in attendance at the breakfast; several topics were discussed including the Governor's state aid proposal, fund balance limit reform, capital project reform, increasing retiree earnings limit to address teacher shortages, and transportation issues including electric buses, child safety zones, and Pre-K transportation. The uncertainty of the State Budget was the main topic of discussion.

Mr. Gregory Schweiger and Mrs. Kendra Seaver attended the Health Trust Consortium meeting held on Friday, March 1, 2024. Mrs. Seaver reported that the current administrator is retiring and Kathy Blackman will be taking over the role as of July 1st; the Consortium is in a good financial position; the rates for next year are based on the full phase in of an all-years modifier, this should help smooth the rates out from year to year, Tioga is seeing the impact of this as rate for next year would have been higher without the modifier in place; there was limited discussion regarding how the Consortium consultant is paid.

The next Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on March 22, 2024. Mr. Aaron Lounsbury will not be able to attend the meeting and an alternate was requested to attend in his place.

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

Mr. Cook reported that March is a busy month with All County Band and Chorus happening, a group of students will be heading to Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin with Mrs. Camin, there is a Fun Night scheduled for Friday, several members of our football coaching staff will be attending a conference at the end of this week, the Middle School Scholarship Challenge team will be competing this Saturday at 10am in Sayre, the district will be hosting the Mathalon competition next Saturday, the Middle School Drama Club will be performing Shrek, Jr. on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd, and we are gearing up for State Testing at the end of the month.

Mrs. Camin reported that there will be a Conference Day on Thursday, March 14th; there will be proctor and scribe trainings in preparation for State Testing; Tami Mann, a certification specialist from BU will be onsite to meet with new teachers and any other staff with certification questions.

Mrs. Bombard reported that 3rd and 4th grades are gearing up for State testing with some extra reading support; there will be a Top Tiger assembly next week; Reading Week was a huge success, parents visited classrooms on Thursday to read to the students, the Book Fair was open all week with Mr. Stevens' students working the cash register and checking out our little Tigers with their purchases, thanks to some very generous donations all students in PreK through 6th grade were able to pick out a book at the Book Fair, and Wednesday was Reading Night, the theme was "Out of this World" and there were over 370 attendees. A very big thank you to Mrs. Annemarie Schultheis for all her hard work planning, organizing, and making this week very special for our students.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked how the ESL students are doing, Mrs. Bombard responded that they are doing well. Melissa Garcia is doing a great job with the older students; they have acclimated to the school routine and are making friends. The youngest student, in PreK is getting settled into a routine and gets tired out from working so hard to learn.

Mr. Wood reported that Mr. Nick Alexander and members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society went to the Corning Museum of Glass to attend the Trio con Brio concert as part of the Corning

Civic Music's Tix for Kids program; Trio con Brio is a Piano Trio (solo violin, cello, and piano) from Copenhagen; several students attended the All County Music Festival this past weekend, including Brooke Delmage who was selected to the Jazz Band; the All County Music Festival continues this weekend; the Scholarship Challenge continues this weekend as well; all 10 wrestlers that competed at the State Tournament placed, Tioga was awarded the prestigious Pascal Perri Cup in recognition of being the best wrestling team in NYS; the last details are being finalized for the Spanish Club's trip to Costa Rica March 27th through April 7th; 5-week reports showed that spring fever has hit academically, 19 freshman are failing one or more subjects, as well as 20 sophomores, 18 juniors, and 12 seniors. There will be a group meeting with these students tomorrow morning as well as one on one meetings over the next week or so.

Mr. Roe reported that he received a letter from the Civic Music Tix for Kids program thanking our music department for coming to the concert and complimenting Mr. Nick Alexander and our students for representing our district superbly; a long-range capital project meeting was held with Mrs. Kendra Seaver and Mr. Mike Visconti from Fiscal Advisors, a follow-up meeting is being planned with LeChase and King + King as well; a building condition survey will start late March/early April; planning is underway for construction work that can be done over Spring Break; the bulk of the work being done at the waste water treatment plant will be done over the summer with the project being completed in October/November.

Mrs. Cathi Root inquired about the new SRO. Mr. Roe spoke briefly to the board about Mr. Scott Cippolena, a retired NYS Trooper and the district's new SRO through Upstate Security Consultants. Scott is getting to know the district and Rick Borchardt from Upstate Security Systems will be working with Scott a couple days a week for the next few weeks to get him up to speed on the duties of an SRO.

Mr. Roe stated that he is waiting for more information regarding expenditures and that discussion will continue at the next meeting. He also delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on initial revenues for the 24/25 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and will include a continuation of updated expenditures and revenues for the 24/25 school year.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

7. FINANCIAL

8. PERSONNEL

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

Approval of the following 23/24 spring coaching appointments:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STEP	ACTIVITY	N/C	EXP LEVEL	PERCENT	LONG	23/24	
Kevin	Evanek	Varsity	Baseball		14	3	14	1	7,472
Eric	Gutierrez	Varsity	Track		17	3	14	2	7,970
Heather	Klossner	Varsity	Softball (1/2)		11	3	7	1	3,985
David	Sickler	Varsity	Golf		16	3	14	2	7,970
James	Walsh	Varsity Asst	Track		18	3	9	2	5,479
Stephanie	Hills	Varsity	Softball (1/2)		7	3	7		3,487
Kara	Steele	2% Assistant	Track		4	2	2		996
James	Burrowes	Modified	Track		5	3	6		2,989
Jake	Howland	2% Assistant	Baseball		3	2	2		996
Mikayla	Short	2% Assistant	Softball		2	2	2		996
Nicholas	Aiello	2% Assistant	Golf		1	1	2		996
Luke	Newman	JV	Baseball		1	1	6		2,989
Thomas	Cook	Modified	Baseball		0	1	4		1,992
Brian	Grube	JV	Softball		0	1	6		2,989
Olivia	Ayres	Modified	Softball		0	1	4		1,992

Approval of the request for an unpaid leave under FMLA received from Stephanie Green to begin retroactive to February 7, 2024, through approximately March 24, 2024. Stephanie plans to return to work on March 25, 2024.

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Bethann Rieg, retiring from her position of Accounting Associate effective June 1, 2024. Bethann's last day of service will be May 31, 2024.

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Denise Casselbury, resigning from her position of Food Service Helper, last day of service retroactive to 2/21/24.

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

Denise Casselbury- Support Staff

Dustin Harris- Support Staff

James Birney- Instructional Staff

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:53pm 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 Lee Wood, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 8:00pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein seconded by Lee Wood and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk