

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Administration Building
March 7, 2018

Present: Mr. Ryan Bombard, President
Mr. Shane Mills, Vice-President
Mr. Jason Bellis, Member
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member
Mrs. Maureen Zorn, Member

Adm./Others: Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. LuEllen Hoyt, TES 1-4 Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, TES UPK-K Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

Others: Mr. Johnny Williams, Morning Times

Absent: Mr. Joshua Roe, HS Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bombard call the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. REPORTS

Legislative

Nothing to report.

Health Trust Consortium

Mrs. Zorn reported that she attended the meeting consortium meeting with Mrs. Seaver a couple weeks ago. Lifetime Benefit Solutions and Excellus had positive reports and stated Tioga was in great shape. The increase for 2018/19 will be about 4.25%.

Workers' Compensation Alliance

Mr. Bombard stated that he is planning on attending the meeting scheduled for April 13, 2018.

Principals' Reports

Mr. Cook reported that the MS Challenge team took 1st place in the WATS/WAVR competition again for the third time in the past 4 years; Lockheed Martin had to cancel the Engineer's Day last week due to weather, hopefully it will be rescheduled; Friday there will be a 5th/6th grade Spelling Bee; All County Chorus and Band is performing this weekend; there is a Fun Night scheduled for Friday, March 9 and Middle School Drama Club will perform on March 23 and 24. Mr. Cook also mentioned that he was recently recommended to serve as the President of the IAC and has accepted the position.

Mr. Roe was not in attendance as he was invited to the Section IV Hall of Fame induction ceremony. A former wrestler whom he coached, Brent Rider, was being inducted.

Mrs. Hoyt said that the elementary had been very busy last week with many activities. The Paws for Reading was very successful with over 300 people attending; 5 week reports went out; yesterday a tick information presentation was given to students. Elementary students are now looking forward to the Hat Parade scheduled for March 28.

Mrs. Keene also mentioned that the recent Book Fair raised about \$8,000. A big thank you to Annemarie Schultheis and Robin Albrecht for all of their hard work in planning and making sure everything was perfect for the Paws for Reading event.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Entry Plan Activities

The entry meetings continue in full swing and still account for up to a third of my schedule, but I have recently been shifting towards even more informal visits to buildings, classrooms and events. I anticipate wrapping up the formal entry plan process by April 1 so I can begin crafting a report to the board of education to share once we get through budget season!

Capital Projects

Nichols Elementary

We have officially sold the building and received payment from the Town of Nichols. The creation of the mandatory reserve fund for the proceeds from the sale is the final step in what has turned out to be a very long process. Having visited the school, I know it is in good hands!

Lighting (2017-18 Outlay Project)

The contractors have been coming in last week to install the remaining fixtures in the Middle School and Elementary School. Hopefully they can complete that work this month and we can close out the project.

Phase III Capital Project

I will give a comprehensive board meeting report with visuals and timeline charts as soon as we have final drawings, state approval, and a tentative timeline for the bid and construction.

QUICK UPDATE – Since the last board meeting we received the final set of comments from SED and are within a couple of weeks of final approval. Anticipating this will happen soon, we are holding a meeting of our design committee on March 8th to review current plans and discuss the bid process.

ALSO...

Safety has been the focus of many recent discussions and meetings. I have received positive feedback from parents and staff about the letter I posted on the website. Last Monday I attended a large gathering in Binghamton of Superintendents and law enforcement officials

organized by Senator Akshar. The major points of discussion were around possible legislative action to target funds towards school safety and to identify regulations that may be slowing down district safety efforts. There are no particulars at this time. I also will be attending a meeting organized by the Tioga County Sheriff's office for local districts. The outcomes of these meetings is likely to be more long-term changes. In the short term I have asked our maintenance crew to make frequent checks of exterior doors and windows to be sure they are secured. I have also spoken with Sheriff Howard about increasing visitations by uniformed deputies on campus. I will also review the plans for our Phase III project and 2018-19 outlay project to target more funds towards infrastructure to harden the exterior and interior of our buildings this year.

Mr. Bellis left at 6:25 p.m.

Review of the budget continued with Dr. Hamilton's power point presentation covering expenditures for the 2018-2019 budget.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated February 21, 2018.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bellis returned at 6:50 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, Tioga Central School District board policy 1220 states that candidates for the Office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition; and

WHEREAS, current procedure states that such petition shall describe the specific vacancy on the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated; and

WHEREAS, current procedure states that the candidates receiving the largest number of votes for each specific vacancy, shall be declared elected in accordance with Education Law; and

WHEREAS, board policy 1220 also states that, in the alternative, the board of education may adopt a proposition providing that vacancies upon the board of Education shall not be considered separate specific offices and that the nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the board of Education for which the candidate is nominated; and

WHEREAS, the Tioga Central School District Board of Education wishes to ensure that those candidates with the largest total votes are able to serve the community as members of the school district's board of education; therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Tioga Central School District Board of Education that nominating petitions from this date forward shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board of Education of which the candidate is nominated and that the candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected in accordance with Education Law.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve *Consent Agenda item 9A as follows:*

WHEREAS, the School District has completed the sale of the former Nichols Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, there remains bonded indebtedness related to improvements to the Nichols Elementary School together with State Aid payable on the debt, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby establishes a Mandatory Reserve Fund which shall be an account separate from all other District accounts. The proceeds of the sale of the Nichols Elementary School together with any State Aid payable for the building or the bonded indebtedness on the building shall be paid into such fund, and it is further

RESOLVED, that expenditures from the fund hereby established shall be made only for retiring the debt on the former Nichols Elementary School, and for no other purpose. Any balance remaining in said fund upon the payment of all outstanding principal and interest may be expended for any lawful school district purpose.

10. PERSONNEL: RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A MOTION was made by Maureen Zorn, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve *Consent Agenda item 10A*, the resignation of Penny Richter, School Nurse, effective last day February 23, 2018.

11. PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENTS

12. OTHER ACTIONS

A MOTON was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve *Consent Agenda item 12A*, the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented.

13. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve *Consent Agenda item 13A*, CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Keene, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Seaver, and Mr. Williams all left at 6:55 p.m.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to move into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purposes of discussing matters leading to the supervision and discipline of particular persons.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to move out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

15. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Jill Reese
District Clerk