

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, HS Dean of Students
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mr. Dawson Philhower
Mr. Alex MacDonald

Absent: Mr. Chris Klossner, Member

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

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the March 1, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There is a Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting on Friday, March 24th at 6pm, Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, representative is unable to attend. Mr. Roe will be attending, and Mrs. Cathi Root will be attending as the alternate representative.

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust Consortium, other board reports, events, or updates.

Mrs. Meister reported that 6th grade annual review meetings are happening this week; 5th grade meetings will begin next week as well as starting on PreK meetings.

Mr. Cook reported that the Middle School Quiz Team will be competing in the Scholarship Challenge this Saturday at 2pm; 5th and 6th grade Math-a-lon teams will be competing next Saturday; next week the middle school drama club will be performing Beauty and the Beast Jr. on Friday, 3/24 at 7pm and on Saturday, 3/25 at 4pm; the annual Middle School Staff BBQ will be on March 29th.

Mrs. Camin reported that the 3/10 Conference Day went well, teachers in grades 3-6 met regarding state testing; computer-based testing was discussed with 3rd and 4th grade teachers, they are already working on the best way to prepare their students to be successful with the upcoming change; support for new teachers continues, as well as assisting Mr. Roe as needed.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the elementary school had a successful Conference Day; thank you to all of the volunteers for a wonderful reading night, there were over 400 attendees; thank you to Mr. Stevens and his high school students who helped run the book fair; Annemarie Schultheis did an outstanding job organizing the book fair and Read Across America week, she was able to secure donations from the community that were used to make sure ALL students could purchase a book at the book fair; a portion of the profit from the book fair is designated for classroom supplies for each teacher; 11 new students have started in the last three weeks; Elementary students will be watching a preview of the Middle School play Beauty and the Beast Jr. next week; PreK and Kindergarten registration is happening now, currently there are 23 PreK and 45 Kindergarten children signed up for screening.

Mrs. Cathi Root, member, stated that last year's 4th grade state test results have been released and our region underperformed and asked how we are preparing our students to be more successful. Mrs. Camin stated that data received from previous year's test is studied and used to prepare for the next year's test, Mr. Roe stated that the State manipulates some of the data based on the overall score on the tests, Mrs. Bombard stated that the COVID shutdown occurred during the formative years of last year's 4th graders for both math and reading, and the district's forward thinking during the shutdown has given our students an advantage, Tioga was the top school in our region for both ELA and Math last year for 4th grade.

Mr. Isaacs reported that we are halfway through the third marking period; National Honor Society Induction will be in a few weeks; Mr. Tate took a group of students to Tholhill Farm to see their maple syrup production process, the students have trees tapped here on campus; Mr. Tate and his plant science students have started growing Mother's Day flower baskets to sell as a fund raiser.

Mrs. Cathi Root, member, asked how the alpaca visit went; Mrs. Bombard commented that they were great, lots of students and staff from the other buildings came to see the alpacas as well.

Mr. Roe reported that five week grades were not great at the high school, he met with teachers and there is a plan in place to get students back on track; All County Band and Chorus had

performances the last two weekends with several of our students in attendance; turf bids are coming in at budget and just below budget; Phase II meetings have begun, including planning for the waste water treatment plant update, we will meet with TDK regarding the timeline of the project.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on initial expenditures for the 23/24 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and will include the overall budget for the 23/24 school year.

Mrs. Cathi Root, member, read a letter from the Tioga County Courier soliciting to be an official newspaper to publish district legal ads, the board was concerned there is not enough circulation of the paper, Mrs. Root also read an invitation from The Tioga Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club for their annual landowner appreciation dinner.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Old/New Business Agenda as follows:

***Approval** of the admission of DCMO BOCES as a member of the Cooperative Health Insurance Arrangement (Consortium) effective on or about July 1, 2023, as approved by the Trustees of the Consortium at their meeting on February 24, 2023*

***Approval** of the extension of the Agreement for the Cooperative Health Insurance Arrangement of the Broome-Tioga-Delaware County Area School District Fund through June 30, 2028*

***Approval** of graduation date as Friday, June 23, 2023, at 6:00pm*

***Approval** to accept the settlement offer for the Government Entity Claims against JUUL Labs, Inc.*

***Approval** of the Memorandum of Agreement between TCSD and the Teachers' Association of the Tioga Central School District*

***Approval** of SEQRA Resolution for Capital Outlay 2023/2024*

***Acceptance and Approval** of the generous donation received from Carl VanGelder*

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval** of the February 2023 Treasurer's Report*

***Approval** of the February 2023 Extraclassroom Report*

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Acceptance and approval of the letter of resignation received from Aubrey Roe, resigning her position as Academic Science Teacher effective 6/30/23

Approval of the following probationary appointments:

Name of Appointee: Kathleen Stoughton

Civil Service Position: Office Specialist I

Probationary service begins: March 27, 2023

Expiration of Appointment: March 26, 2023

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

Nicholas Klossner- Instructional Staff

Charles Cornell- Support Staff (Cafeteria)

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 7:02pm 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 Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 7:52pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk