

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room  
March 18, 2020

Present: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member (arrived at 6:04)  
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member  
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member  
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal  
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal  
Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent  
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. Of Pupil Services  
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal  
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk

Absent: Dr. Abram Nichols, Member  
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction

Others: Mr. Johnny Williams, Morning Times  
Mr. David Reese

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Williams informed the Board that he would be taking a job elsewhere and therefore would not be covering Tioga meetings. He stated he will miss being there to cover Tioga Central.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Josh Whitmore, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Board Minutes dated March 5, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Schweiger arrived at 6:04

Mrs. Zwierlein reported that the Legislative meeting was held, March 6 at 9:00 am, she was unable to attend but Dr. Hamilton attended. Dr. Hamilton reported that it was a small crowd but good conversations. Assemblywoman Lupardo, Assemblyman Crouch, and Senator Akshar were all in attendance. Some discussions included possible changes to the property tax report card; fully funded foundation aid; and it was stated that at this time, they are still intending on have an on-time NYS Budget by April 1.

Mr. Taylor reported that he attended the Health Consortium meeting on March 6, 2020. The consortium is in good shape. Some local districts have taken their Medicare participants off the school insurance and have seen a short-term gain, however, now the experience rating is now skyrocketing for some.

There is a Workers' Comp meeting scheduled for March 20, 2020. It will be a telephone meeting. Mr. Lounsbury plans on participating.

Mr. Cook reported that his teachers were busy test prepping for the NYS ELA tests prior to the school closure; the Junior High Scholarship Challenge team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the WATS/WAVR competition recently, losing to Wyalusing; deliveries were made to all the UPK-8 students today and any that were missed will be delivered on Thursday.

Mr. Roe reported that staff performance has been incredible throughout the closure; Chromebook pick-up was yesterday and was very successful, some students have already turned in work; Mr. Aiello was incredible with this process.

Mrs. Bombard reported that 1 week ago they were building leprechaun traps in the elementary and today they were delivering packets to all of their students because of the closure. She was impressed with all the thought the teachers put into their packets in such a short amount of time; they will continue to maintain consistent communication with the students throughout this emergency situation; Amazing job done by the teachers as well as Dave Keene and David VanDusen.

Mrs. Meister reported that her goal was to make sure her OT/PT/Speech kids also receive work as well as the many off campus students who attend BOCES programs; every single IEP student will have work sent home.

Dr. Hamilton also stated how very proud of everyone, including administrators, faculty and staff members for making things happen. On Monday 834 meals were handed out; 263 Chromebooks were handed out on Tuesday; school work delivered to homes on Wednesday; Tioga Downs gave a generous donation of food for the district to distribute to needy families also on Wednesday; more meals will be available for pick-up on Thursday; we just want to make sure the families know we are here for them.

Leadership team meetings are happening every Wednesday during the closure; phones will be covered between the hours of 8am and 3pm, Monday through Friday; we are continuing to hold interviews to fill vacancies that will be left by retirements; Capital project planning and budget planning still going on as well.

The Board reviewed the Legal Notice regarding the Annual School District Budget Vote and Notice of School Election, a MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the notice as presented.

## 6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

*Approve amendments to the 2019-2020 Tioga Central School Calendar which include changing May 1 to become a day of instruction instead of a Superintendent's Conference Day and changing May 22 to become a day of instruction instead of a non-session day for students and staff.*

*Approval of 2020-2021 Tioga Central School Calendar*

*Approval to cancel the Board of Education meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 in an effort to comply with NYS recommendations regarding COVID-19.*

## 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* items as follows:

*Approval of the Resolution for Authorization to Join Group Bid for Food Service items*

*Approval of October 2019 Financial Report*

*Approval of November 2019 Financial Report*

*Approval of February 2020 Extraclassroom Report*

## 8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0, Cathi Root abstained, to approve the *Personnel Consent Agenda* items as follows:

*Approval of the following retirements with the last day of service being June 30, 2020 for everyone:*

- *Melanie Burke, retiring from Office Specialist I position*
- *Julie Coddington, retiring from Music Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of approximately 205 unused sick days*
- *Karl Coddington, retiring from Science Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of 250 unused sick days*
- *Douglas Daino, retiring from Technology Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of 250 unused sick days*
- *Lynda Lynch, retiring from Math Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of approximately 148 unused sick days*
- *Kimberlee Pesesky, retiring from Physical Education Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of 250 unused sick days*
- *Michael Steidle, retiring from Music Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of 250 unused sick days*
- *Judith Taylor, retiring from English Teacher position*  
*Also requesting payment of approximately 162 unused sick days*

- Susan Walkley, retiring from Monitor position  
Also requesting payment of approximately 128 unused sick days
- Deborah Moore, retiring from Food Service Helper position

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Adam Layman  
 Tenure Area: Special Technology  
 Certification(s): Pending  
 Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020  
 Expiration Date of Appointment\*: August 31, 2024

Name of Appointee: Aubrey Roe  
 Tenure Area: Academic Science  
 Certification(s): Physics & Gen. Science 7-12 Pending  
 Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020  
 Expiration Date of Appointment\*: August 31, 2024

*\*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212, and 3014, in order to be granted tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probation period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.*

Approval to add the following to substitute list(s):

- Derrick Barto – Instructional Staff
- Lorrie Fredenburg – Support Staff (Bus Driver)

## 9. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve recommendations as presented.

## 10. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Reese was present and reiterated that it was great to see the teachers come together and work so hard to get everything put together and sent home to the students; he stated that all of our building principals did an excellent job as well; it was great to see the students get so excited to see the teachers on the buses dropping off their school work to them.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter into executive session at 6:58 pm, to discuss matters leading to the employment of particular person.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to return to public session at 7:41 pm.

## **12. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Jill Reese  
Clerk