

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2024

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

Absent: Mr. Scot Taylor, 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

Mr. Roe introduced the district's new SRO, Scott Cipollina who gave the board a brief introduction of himself and an update on his first few days.

Mr. Cipollina left at 6:06pm

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the March 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative and Health Trust Consortium

The next Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on March 22, 2024. Mr. Aaron Lounsbury will not be able to attend the meeting. Currently, there is not an alternate going to the meeting.

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

Mr. Cook reported that there was a Fun Night on Friday, March 8th, the new format of having two separate times for 5th/6th grades and 7th/8th grades, along with more organized activities has been a great change; the Middle School Challenge Team competed on Saturday, March 9th and lost to the team from Spencer by one point; Tioga hosted this year's Mathalon competition last Saturday, March 16th, Mrs. Camin served as the emcee and did a fantastic job, Tioga's 5th grade team took 3rd place; Middle School Drama Club will present Shrek, Jr. this Friday, March 22nd at 7pm and Saturday, March 23rd at 4pm in the auditorium; NYS Test preparation is in full swing.

Mrs. Camin reported that she accompanied 10 girls from Middle School to Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin, the students represented the district well with their engineering skills, interest in the topics, and overall demeanor; last Thursday was the final conference day of the 23/24 school year. Mr. Roe, and Mr. Aiello held a training for the upcoming computer based testing and also provided supporting documentation, Tami Mann from Binghamton University was onsite to discuss certification with professional staff members; most current CSE students have been placed at BOCES programs for the 24/25 school year; annual meeting for 7th and 8th grade CSE students will be held at the end of April.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the March Top Tiger assembly was held last Thursday; teachers and students are getting ready for State Testing, afterschool ELA & Math groups have started; our new SRO has been a tremendous addition at the Elementary School, Mr. Scott, as the kids call him, is not only visible in the building, but is often outside at bus time and at recess, the kids love seeing him; teachers used part of last week's conference day planning for spring field trips; Elementary students went to the auditorium today for a preview of Shrek Jr., the Middle School Drama Club did a great job; the annual hat parade will be next Thursday, 3/28 at 10am on the track; next week is our spring spirit week and the theme is kindness.

Mrs. Root asked if students that just moved into the have to take the upcoming State Tests. Mrs. Bombard answered that all students must take the State Tests regardless of when they moved into the district. Our new ESL students have a one-year exemption from State Testing.

Mr. Wood reported that SRO, Scott Cipollina, is doing a great job getting to know the high school students; the All-County Festival continued the weekend of March 9th with the High School band and Middle School chorus, Levi Williams performed a very impressive solo during the festival; FFA has been very busy with events in preparation for the upcoming State Convention; the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on Monday, March 25 at 6pm in the auditorium; spring sports are underway and numbers are looking good; three varsity wrestlers have been named NWCA Scholar Athletes, congratulations to Gianni Silvestri, Caden Bellis, and Tyler Roe.

Mrs. Root read a letter from the Tioga Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club thanking landowners for allowing access to their land for the local snowmobile trail system and giving details of the thank you dinner they have planned for April.

Mr. Roe reported that representatives from the district, Fiscal Advisors, King + King Architects, and LeChase met to discuss initial planning of future capital projects; King + King Architects will be doing a building condition survey starting in April; SRO, Scott Cipollina and Rick Borchardt from Upstate Security Consultants are completing a security assessment report; Tioga County will be hosting a tactical training that SRO Scott Cipollina may be attending.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on the combined budget for the 24/25 school year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

***Approval** of the transportation contract with Caroline Layman retroactive to March 11, 2024*

***Approval** of the SEQRA Resolution for Capital Outlay 2024/2025*

***Approval** to change the school calendar for Monday, April 8, 2024, to an early dismissal at 12:30pm, due to the timing of the solar eclipse.*

7. FINANCIAL

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

***Approval** of the Bus Lease Request received from Animal Aholics for travel to the Cornell Vet School open house in April.*

***Approval** of the February 2024 Extraclassroom Report*

***Approval** of the February 2024 Treasurer's Report*

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, 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 received from Suzanne Conden, retiring from her position of Elementary K-6 Teacher effective July 1, 2024, and a lump sum payment of the unused sick days she has remaining at the end of June, currently she has approximately 144 days. Suzanne's last day of service will be June 30, 2024.*

***Approval** to rescind the following 2023/24 co-curricular appointment:*

Mason Tate- Envirothon Exp 1, Level 1, 1%, \$498

***Approval** of the following 2023/24 co-curricular appointments:*

Mason Tate- Envirothon ½ Exp 1, Level 1, 0.5%, \$249

Justine Barnhart- Envirothon ½ Exp 0, Level 1, 0.5%, \$249

Approval of the following probationary appointment:

Name of Appointee: Alysa Williams

Civil Service Position: Custodial Worker (12-Month)

Probationary Service Begins: April 1, 2024

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: March 31, 2025

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

Ray Worthing- Support Staff

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:54pm 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 Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 8:30pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk