

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 2, 2025**

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President  
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member arrived at 6:05pm  
Mr. Robert Seymour, Member  
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member  
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

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

Others: Mrs. Colleen VanHousen  
Mr. Jeff VanHousen

Absent:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mr. Joshua Roe arrived at 6:00pm.

**2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Colleen VanHousen addressed the Board for an extended period regarding her child, homebound instruction, and current employees of the district.

Mrs. Kendra Seaver left the meeting at 6:14pm

Mrs. Kendra Seaver returned to the meeting at 6:23pm

Mrs. Root thanked Mrs. VanHousen for advising the board of her concerns. Board policy prevents discussion of confidential information in public session. Any further discussion will happen in executive session.

Mr. and Mrs. VanHousen left the meeting at 6:32 pm.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the March 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

#### **5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Scot Taylor gave a brief Legislative update on the State budget, as of today there is no approved budget and after April 11<sup>th</sup> a two-week recess will begin for NYS lawmakers.

The Health Trust Consortium met on Friday, March 21, 2025, Mr. Gregory Schweiger and Mr. Joshua Roe attended the meeting. Mr. Schweiger reported that Vestal left the Consortium and Norwich joined the Consortium. There is no surplus of funds to distribute to member districts this year. The modifier used to establish each member district's rate will now look at lifetime data instead of just the past three years. Mr. Roe initiated a stimulated conversation regarding prescription drugs.

The next Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

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

Mrs. Bombard reported that a team from Arnot Ogden Medical Center visited to present a program on safety and poisoning dangers; in preparation for Kindergarten, our PreK students are spending more time getting acclimated to the elementary building, last week they visited the pool and had a great time; PreK registration for the 25/26 school year is underway, so far there are 30 potential students scheduled for screenings next week.

Mrs. Camin reported that State testing begins next week with the ELA test; 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be using computer-based testing and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be using paper testing; Mr. Williams held a scribe training today in preparation for the tests and there will be a proctor training tomorrow; students are well prepared and ready for testing to begin.

Mr. Williams reported that March was a busy month for CSE with all of the meetings for the middle school happening; Special Education staff members have requested to participate in professional development regarding students with autism due to the increasing number of autistic students in the district, there are a few options available that are being discussed; a physical therapy provider has been found and details are being worked out now to start working with students this month.

Mrs. Zwierlein asked if the provider will be a full-time hire? Mr. Roe responded that it will not be a full-time hire at this point, the provider will work through the rest of the school year and over the summer.

Mrs. Zwierlein asked how the district will be paying the provider? Mrs. Seaver responded that the provider will be billing for services.

Mr. Wood reported that the high school staff is doing a great job working with students and grades are improving from the last 5-week mark; 11 new students were inducted into National Honor Society during a ceremony held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Alexander, Mr. MacDonald, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Foley, and Mrs. Bailey worked hard to make it a memorable evening the students; spring sports are underway.

Mrs. Root asked if everyone was on track to graduate in June? Mr. Wood responded that it is looking good. Mr. Roe added that there is one student that will not make it due to chronic absences.

Mr. Roe reported that digital control of the new stadium lights is now active; at the last regionalization meeting held with component district CSOs, it was decided to do a transportation study and to assess available classrooms in each district that could potentially be used to create special education programs that would be available to students from each of the component districts; the Tioga administration team attended the Joint Dinner Meeting held at Whitney Point Central Schools where alumni, Dr. Steve Amendum delivered a speech on literacy.

Mr. Roe asked the members of the Board if they had any questions or comments on the draft proposal he shared at the last meeting regarding the selection of a student board member. The Board had no objection to the draft proposal and Mr. Roe will move forward with the plan.

Mrs. Camin added to her report that the Middle School Drama Club presented the musical, Once On This Island, on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, both performances were well attended, over 25 students were part of the musical and it was amazing to see how well they all worked together.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on updated expenditures and revenues for the 25/26 school year.

## **6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

***Acceptance and award of the fuel bid to Mirabito Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Mirabito in the amount of \$2.437549 for #2 Fuel Oil and \$2.458606 for Diesel Fuel beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.***

***Approval of the District Code of Conduct***

## **7. FINANCIAL**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval of the Resolution for Authorization to Join Bid Group***

***Approval of the surplus bid awards as presented***

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval to pay Renee Wainwright for 91.05 unused sick days at \$55/day and 15 vacation days earned for the 2024/25 school year, not accumulated, at the daily rate of \$145.50/day.***

***Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):***

*Name of Appointee: Kegan Brink*

*Civil Service Position: Building Maintenance Mechanic*

*Probationary Service Begins: April 14, 2025*

*Expiration Date of Probationary Appointment: April 13, 2026*

***Approval of the following addition(s) to the substitute list(s) for the 24-25 school year:***

- *Terri Kirschke- Support Staff*
- *Katherine Allard- Support Staff*
- *Annie Kolmel- Support Staff*

## **9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter executive session at 7:10pm 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 Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 8:51pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Gregory Schweiger and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.

Kristy Robertson  
Clerk