

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Chris Klossner, 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. Kendra Seaver, School Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Sue Conden
Mr. Dan Stauder
Mrs. Karen Stauder
Ms. Nicole Lamberti, Morning Times
Mrs. Michelle Dougherty
Miss Campbell Dougherty
Mr. Dan Demer, Upstate Security Consultants
Mr. Rick Borchardt, Upstate Security Consultants

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, 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

Mrs. Karen Stauder complimented Mrs. Holly Tinney in the middle school office by saying that she is fantastic and has gone above and beyond to help her son.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the March 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Cathi Root, member, reported that she and Mr. Joshua Roe attended the Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting last Friday, March 24th; there are six school districts left in the consortium and most are beginning to look outside the consortium for coverage; an agreement has been negotiated through 2024.

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

Mr. Rick Borchardt and Mr. Dan Demer from Upstate Security Consultants gave an overview of their company and what they offer as school resource officers; currently the company employs 15 school resource officers that work in 10 school districts; SRO's become a part of the school family by interacting with students and staff to develop trusting relationships, the SRO will be a member of the district safety committee and assist in all required drills, go on home visits with administrator as needed, coordinate with local and state law enforcement agencies, monitor the school throughout the day, conduct security assessments, and provide classroom presentations per staff requests. Mrs. Cathi Root, member, asked how an SRO was placed in the district, is the district part of the interview process with a potential SRO? Rick and Dan will each do an initial interview with a potential candidate and then will bring the candidate to the district to interview; all SROs working for Upstate Security Consultants are certified through the National Association of School Resource Officers; Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, member, ask what a typical workday is for an SRO. A typical workday would be when the teachers are at school but being available for after-school during activities could be worked out as well.

Mrs. Meister reported that CPSE meetings will begin after spring break, currently there are 4 students on home instruction, placement for these students are being worked on for next school year.

Mr. Cook reported that Mary Brougham, a retired member of the Tioga family passed away in early March, Mary taught at Tioga for decades, her dedication to her students was unmatched and she will be greatly missed; 30 week reports will go home after spring break; NYS testing has started and will go through mid-May; this week is Spring Spirit Week; the middle school Scholarship Challenge Team won the WATS/WAVR competition; 5th and 6th grade Math-a-lon teams took 1st place at the competition; the middle school Drama Club presented a fantastic performance of Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Mrs. Camin reported that professional development planning for the summer is underway including new teacher orientation in August, computer-based testing, math, and special education literacy intervention.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the elementary school was able to see a preview of the middle school drama club performance of Beauty and the Beast Jr., it was amazing to see some of her former students' transition to middle school and find their place in drama club; last week was the Top Tiger assembly, with the help of Mrs. Camin, Maria Gordon, and several high school

teachers, this Top Tiger assembly included high school students who are successful in variety of areas, including sports, academics, FFA, dance, drama, music, and many other areas; the littlest Tigers were thrilled to help celebrate with all of the high school students that were included; the Science and Discovery Center was back to do sessions for PreK, K and 1st grade students; the Spring Hat Parade will be tomorrow. Mrs. Bombard also gave a brief presentation on the work that our school social worker, Maria Gordon, has been doing with students and staff including, social emotional classes, lunch bunch groups, individual counseling/support sessions, providing resources to parents as well as mediation/respice, and working closely with teachers by participating in student of concern meeting and in-class observations. The presentation also included plans Maria has for the future, such as, expanding social emotional instruction by collaborating with Art and Ag, reflecting on data to evaluate the success and impact of the work she is doing, create a parent connection group, provide trauma informed instruction for teachers, and coordinate with youth organizations to help students find something to connect with and be a part of.

Mr. Isaacs reported that 16 students were inducted into National Honor Society last night; Ms. Chianese took Spanish students on a field trip to the Binghamton Forum to see a production of On Your Feet, she also had a day last week where students did Zumba during class; Miss Roe's experimental science class used the pool to test the vessels they constructed from cardboard to see how long they would float and how much weight they could carry; spirit week will conclude tomorrow with a pep rally; it is the end of the 3rd marking period.

Mr. Roe reported that 7 Tioga wrestlers travelled to the National Tournament in Virginia Beach, 5 wrestlers earned All American status and Emily Sindoni earned the title of National Champion for the second year in a row, congratulations; this district has posted and reposted job vacancies for the 23-24 school year; meetings for Phase II of the capital project continue, including the waste water treatment plant, the Middle School roof, gym, and univentilators, as well as the High School kitchen and gym entrance; the Athletic Facilities Capital Project is still being reviewed by the State Education Department; a meeting was held with a vendor to upgrade the stadium sound system using a federal grant.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on initial overall budget 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.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

Approval of the 2023/2024 School Calendar

Approval of the agreement between Broome-Tioga-Delaware Health Insurance Consortium and Tioga Central School District as presented

Approval of the agreement between Tioga CSD and the Town of Tioga as presented

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, 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 Kevin Raupers,
retiring from his position as Special Education Teacher effective 6/30/23

Rescind the following co-curricular appointment:

Stuart Rogers Envirothon Advisor

Approval of the following co-curricular appointment:

Mason Tate Envirothon Advisor

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

Ian MacDonald- Track

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

Luke Dalberg- Instructional Staff

Charles Cornell- Support Staff (Cafeteria)

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Karen Stauder asked how the new process for admitting students to BOCES CTE programs would affect the budget and students. Mr. Joshua Roe responded by saying that the expense of the CTE programs is a year behind, the 23/24 budget amount is set to pay for the student attendance in programs for the 22/23 school year.

Mrs. Stauder also asked what the deadline is for CTE program applications. Mr. Roe responded by saying that Tioga has already submitted the applications for our students and BOCES will be making their selections in May. Mrs. Stauder expressed that she was expecting a confirmation email when her son's application was submitted. Mr. Roe responded that he would have confirmation sent to her tomorrow.

9. 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 7:12pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 7:46pm.

10. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk