

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Administration Building
April 16, 2018

Present: Mr. Ryan Bombard, President
Mr. Shane Mills, Vice-President
Mr. Jason Bellis, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member
Mrs. Maureen Zorn, Member

Adm./Others: Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, TES UPK-K Principal
Mr. Joshua Roe, HS Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk

Others: Mr. Matt Freeze, Morning Times

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. LuEllen Hoyt, TES 1-4 Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bombard call the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. REPORTS

Legislative

Nothing to report.

Health Trust Consortium

Nothing to report.

Workers' Compensation Alliance

Mr. Bombard stated that there was a meeting last Friday which he was unable to attend. Mrs. Root was able to attend in his place and reported that premiums were going down things are looking good.

Principals' Reports

Mr. Cook reported that the MS play went very well; NYS ELA testing was completed in only two days this year, however they were very long days for some students; score training will now begin; Mathalon was Saturday, 5th grade placed 2nd and 6th grade placed 1st in the competition.

Mr. Roe stated that report cards went out in the high school and the amount of students failing has dropped considerably; they are now working on a study program for at risk students in danger of failing the regents.

Mrs. Keene also mentioned that NYS ELA testing was complete and things are quiet in the elementary.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Entry Plan Activities

I am continuing my review of our instructional program as a final step of my entry plan process. Most notably, I have reviewed every physical file in the superintendent's office dating all the way back to the 1980s. Among those documents were several files, studies, and notes that helped fill out the history of Tioga Central and the many challenges we have faced over the years. I have also reviewed the curriculum materials in district office and those provided by Kathy Keene. I am conducting a final sweep of the district for files that may reside in other locations. My next step in the research process will be to review assessment systems and results.

In addition to the review of documents and artifacts, the entry meetings continue in full swing and still account for up to a third of my schedule. I have been interviewing a random sample of teachers around the district. I will also be pulling together a group of students in a focus group to get their thoughts (that may have to wait until the fall). A larger portion of my time has shifted towards more informal walkthroughs of buildings, classrooms and events. I anticipate wrapping up the formal entry plan process by the end of April or beginning of May so I can begin crafting a report to the board of education to share once we get through budget season!

Capital Projects

Phase III Capital Project

By the time you read this we will have received and made recommendations for awarding contracts. Once we have the contractors selected, Hulburt and Hunt will guide us through a schedule development phase. I have and will continue to keep the leadership team up to date on the schedule and process. We are also in the final stages of abandoning the current district office on April 19th (office) and April 30th (files) to allow contractors to begin work on the new PreK classroom immediately. The district office will be located in the MS Computer Lab beginning April 20th and continuing until the work is completed in August.

Budget Development

The state passed a budget with additional aid for schools above the governor's original proposal. Based on a very preliminary estimate, it look like we will get approximately \$250,000 more in state aid than the governor's proposal. My recommendation would be to approve the budget as planned and use less unreserved fund balance on the revenue side. This would allow us to move more into our reserve funds which is a good long-term financial plan to keep our budget secure in future years.

Also:

Dr. Hamilton is planning on writing a letter to our BOCES Superintendent stating our concerns regarding the NYS Tests; Capital Project update: we have SED approval and have received the building permit; bids are due on April 20 for approval on May 2; Administration will be moving its offices to the temporary location on April 25.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated March 21, 2018.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the revised 2018-19 school calendar as presented.

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adopt the 2018-19 budget and take the following propositions to the voters for approval on May 15, 2018.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, in the County of Tioga, New York, be and hereby is authorized to expend sums set forth in the General Fund Appropriations in the amount of \$19,005,267 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, in the Town of Tioga, Tioga County, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase three (3) school buses and to expend therefore a gross sum not exceeding \$405,000 as follows:

3 - 65/70 Passenger School Buses at a gross cost not exceeding \$135,000 each

And that there shall be applied to the purchase any trade-in allowance to be received for a bus (or buses) now owned by the school district, and that the aforesaid sum of \$405,000 or so much thereof may be necessary, shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the school district to be collected in annual installments; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to issue obligations of the district therefore in accordance with Education Law and Local Finance Law. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if enacted legislation allows school districts to pay cash for new school buses without penalty of capacity ratings, the Board of Education is authorized to pay cash for the buses in an amount not to exceed \$405,000 with the appropriation coming from the General Fund Balance.

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the 2018-19 property tax report card as presented.

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Shane Mills, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the administrative budget of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,181,900 and cast votes for David Hawley and John Crosby to fill the vacant BOCES trustee seats.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* items 8A through 8D as follows:

Approve the 2018-19 Non-resident application and tuition amounts. Tuition rates are set as follows: Grades K-4 - \$325; Grades 5-8 - \$425; Grades 9-12 - \$650

Approve surplus library books to be donated to the Tioga Central Spanish Club.

Approve a donation received from Jeff Gural in the amount of \$23,390, this donation is to be used to purchase welding equipment.

Approve the grant application to the Floyd Hooker Foundation in the amount of \$11,400, the grant is to be used for the Summer Recreation Program.

9. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* items 9A through 9F as follows:

Accept and approve the March 2018 Overtime Report as presented.

Accept and approve the January 2018 Financial Report as presented.

Accept and approve Health & Welfare Services Contracts with Elmira City & Union Endicott School Districts.

Approval of items as surplus for bidding purposes.

Approval of the continuation of our current benefit plans for the April 2, 2018 through March 31, 2019 contract period.

Approval and authorization of the BOCES Final Service Request for 2018-19 in the amount of \$1,522,384.49.

10. PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENT/RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/LEAVE

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* items 10A through 10C as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law and upon the recommendation of David Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Jeffery Bullock, of Owego, NY, to the 12 month, 8 hour per day, position of Building Maintenance

Mechanic, effective May 1, 2018, for a probationary period of 8 weeks, to commence on May 1, 2018 and to expire June 26, 2018. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Jeff will be paid an hourly rate of \$15.68.

Accept and approve the additions to the 2017-18 substitute lists:

- *Judy Taylor – Support Staff (bus driver)*
- *Derek Short– Support Staff (Custodial)*
- *Stephanie Mills – Instructional Staff (7-12 English Certification)*

Accept and approve the following individuals to help with the 2018-19 Annual Budget Vote and Election:

- *Ryan Bombard – Permanent Chairperson*
- *Cindy Bennett – Election Inspector*
- *Charlene Katchuk – Election Inspector*
- *Jill Keeler – Election Inspector*
- *Shirley Sherman – Election Inspector*
- *Jill Reese – Chief Election Inspector*

11. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* item 11A, CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Keene, Mr. Cook, Mr. Roe, Mrs. Reese, and Mr. Freeze all left the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to move into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for the purposes of discussing matters leading to the supervision and promotion of particular persons.

A MOTION was made by Shane Mills, seconded by Jason Bellis, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to move out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 6:43 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Jason Bellis, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Jill Reese
District Clerk