

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Chris Klossner, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
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
Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, HS Dean of Students
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, School Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal

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

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the April 5, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

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

Mrs. Meister reported that CPSE meetings will begin tomorrow; Mrs. Meister, Mrs. Maria Gordon, and Ms. Jane Seymour attended a training on youth mental health, it was an excellent training.

Mr. Cook reported that report cards go home Wednesday; State testing begins this week.

Mrs. Camin reported that today she held a new teacher meeting, this is the last meeting with all of the new teachers together for the school year, meetings for the rest of the school year will be building or teacher specific; a high school English teacher reached out to learn more about the Fountas & Pinnell literacy program.

Mrs. Bombard was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Joshua Roe reported on behalf of Mrs. Bombard that state testing is coming up next week and report cards will go home this week.

Mr. Isaacs reported that report cards go home on Wednesday; Tri-M Music Honor Society induction will be held Thursday evening; prom is three weeks away and will be held at Shepard Hills Country Club; Wednesday, April 26th there will be a Spring Showcase held in the High School featuring Art, Agriculture, Technology, and Music.

Mr. Roe expanded on the Spring Showcase, student artwork will be on display, there will be musical performances, and technology and agriculture demonstrations; the new stadium sound system has been ordered; over spring break there were four rooftop heating units replaced at the elementary school; there are currently three seniors that are in jeopardy of not graduating.

Mr. Roe delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the board on the overall budget for the 23/24 school year, the following main expenditure factors were part of the presentation:

- Added School Resource Officer, ES Aide, Vehicle, OT
- Increase in students placed in off-campus programs
- Supplies/Materials price increases
- 3.5% negotiated raises for employees + adjustment to a competitive starting salary and the resulting compression.
- Health Insurance up 9.5% (Consortium)
- Capital Outlay 100K for lighting replacement

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the 2023-24 BT BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$3,507,200 and to cast votes for Peter Nowacki and Michon Stuart for three-year positions for the trustee seats for the Broome Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The propositions hereinafter set forth are hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the Annual School District Meeting and Election to be held in said School District, on the 16th day of May, 2023.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election notice with reference to the submission of said propositions in substantially the following form:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting and Election to be held on May 16, 2023, the following propositions will be submitted:

2023 – 2024 Budget

Shall 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 \$21,910,675 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

School Bus Purchase

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 two (2) school buses and to expend therefore a gross sum not exceeding \$344,000 as follows: 2 - 65/70 Passenger School Buses at a gross cost not exceeding \$172,000 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 \$344,000 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 \$344,000 with the appropriation coming from the General Fund Balance.

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card as presented.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to accept and award the Fuel Bid to Mirabito Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Mirabito in the amount of \$2.7945 for #2 Fuel Oil and \$2.9211 for Diesel Fuel beginning May 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to accept and award the Construction Manager RFP to LeChase for the alternate proposed amount of \$23,000.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the March 2023 Treasurer's Report

Approval of the January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023 Claims Audit Report

Approval of the BOCES Final Request for Services for 2023-24 in the amount of \$2,442,437.97

Approval of the Food Service Commodity Processed Food Bid and Bagged Breakfast Bid

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval to increase the Occupational Therapist position that was previously part-time to a full-time position.

Approval of the following probationary appointments:

Name of appointee: Noah Schweiger
Tenure area: Speech Language Pathologist
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2023
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2027
Certification status: Speech Language Pathologist, In process

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 probationary 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.

Name of appointee: Tyler Spires
Tenure area: Occupational Therapist
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2023
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2027
Certification status: Occupational Therapist, In process

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Approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, has called an annual School District election of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 16th day of May 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a permanent

chairman, chief election inspector and assistant clerks for said annual school district election; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Cathi Root, a duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the **permanent chairman** of the annual school district election referred to in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as **inspectors of election** at said annual school district election, so that there shall be at least two inspectors for each ballot box/voting machine to be used thereat: Jody Cooley, Cynthia Middendorf, Debra Sherman, Shirley Sherman

Section 3. Kristy Robertson is hereby designated as **chief election inspector**.

Section 4. Each inspector of election appointed for said annual school district election, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate determined by the district for each day actually and necessarily spent on the duties of said election. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as permanent chairmen and inspectors of election for said annual school district election.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Ray Thetga- Softball

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

Noah Schweiger- Instructional Staff

Tyler Spires- Instructional Staff

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Cathi Root, member, asked how Tioga would be affected by Waverly CSD pulling out of the IAC and going to STAC. Mr. Roe responded that there should not be any changes to our scheduling of sports.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:42pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

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

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 7:26pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk