

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
April 19, 2021

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Scot Taylor, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Pupil Services
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

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. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve Board Minutes dated March 31, 2021 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust, or Workers' Compensation.

Mrs. Meister reported that she is finishing up the Middle School annual reviews and Elementary will start next week. She has been receiving many CPSE referrals lately and working through them.

Mrs. Keene stated she will be working on updating the professional development plan over the next couple weeks.

Mrs. Bombard was happy to report that she has 100% of her Kindergarteners in school for in-person learning now; they are working on Kindergarten screenings for next year's class; PreK screening will start soon; they are in the preliminary stages of planning for UPK/K/4th grade

graduations; NYS ELA tests for 3rd and 4th grades will begin soon; report cards go home on Thursday; C. Conden was the winner of the t-shirt design contest; little league sign-ups were held recently and 145 kids have signed up, opening day is scheduled for May 8.

Mr. Cook reported that report cards go home on Thursday; remote students have been notified of the NYS tests and the opportunity to take them; if they choose not to participate, there is a code to enter for state reporting.

Mr. Roe stated that spring sports began today; National Honor Society Inductions will be Wednesday at 6pm, the program will be live-streamed; the HS is finishing up report cards to send home on Thursday; the tentative date for the HS Spring Celebration/Prom is May 15 and the location is TBD; working on the testing schedule for the end of the year.

Mr. Taylor reported that we are at our lowest percentage of remote learners since the beginning of the school year, we are at 7% remote! Currently we are interviewing for two K-6 positions, we received over 50 applications; we will soon start interviews for the special education position; we are working on a summer program for students to attend in July to help close the gaps in education caused by COVID-19; Summer Recreation received some good news regarding funding for the program and they are working on the transportation end of things.

Regarding the budget, the taxpayers will vote on the proposed expenditures equaling \$19,341,128. The proposed revenues in support of the 21-22 budget will mean a 0% levy increase. The proposed expenditures will include staff, materials/supplies, and transportation expenditures to address typical instructional needs as well as challenges the district will deal with as a result of the pandemic.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Greg Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$3,245,861 and to cast votes for John Crosby and David Hawley for 3-year positions and Nick Matyas for a 1-year position of trustee seats.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the following budget propositions:

2021 – 2022 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 \$19,341,128 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 \$282,000 as follows: 2 - 65/70 Passenger School Buses at a gross cost not exceeding

\$141,000 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 \$282,000 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 \$282,000 with the appropriation coming from the General Fund Balance.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Greg Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the 2021-22 Property Tax Report Card as presented.

A MOTION was made by Greg Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the following Old/New Business Consent Agenda Items:

*Approval of changing Board Meeting date of May 19, 2021 to May 18, 2021
Approval of the 2021-22 TCS Calendar as presented
Approval of the Continuation of Coverage for the current benefit plans for contract period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022*

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

*Approval of the March 2021 Claims Auditor Report
Approval of the March 2021 Extraclassroom Report
BOCES Final Request for Services
Health and Welfare Services Contract with Vestal CSD for 1 student, \$630.20 for 20/21*

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the *Personnel Consent Agenda* items as follows:

*Approval of the letter of resignation received from Jim Houseknecht from his position as Athletic Events Supervisor effective June 30, 2021
Approval of Misty Doane to be added to the Support Staff Sub List for 21-22

(Approval of the coaching appointment was tabled until the next meeting)*

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There was a question from a public attendee wondering if we will offer remote instruction next year. Mr. Roe answered, stating that our plans are to be full in-person unless Covid is still prevalent.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Mr. Roe for being chosen as Tioga's next Superintendent!

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to enter executive session at 6:39 pm.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Cathi Root, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to return to public session at 6:48 pm.

10. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk