

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Board Room
May 6, 2020

Present: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Dr. Abram Nichols, Member (arrived at 6:53 pm)
Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member (left at 7:05 pm)
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal (Zoom)
Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction (Zoom)
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. Of Pupil Services (Zoom)
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer (Zoom)

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Board Room.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Hamilton reviewed the proposed budget with the Board offering a couple scenarios, as it may depend on the upcoming adjustment periods that the Governor has sited. The adjustment periods being May 1, June 30, and December 31. Another 10% cut in the budget would mean losing 3 or 4 teachers. Things will depend on what the school year looks like in September and we do not know what that will be like at this time. The Board will adopt a budget at the meeting on May 19th to be approved by the voters. This year there will be no second chance to pass the budget, if the budget does not pass at the June 9th Budget Vote and Election, Tioga will go straight to a contingency budget.

Dr. Nichols arrived.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Board Minutes dated April 20, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

6. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Roe reported that his teachers and staff were surprised with a parade put on by the students and families on Monday. Mr. Roe also stated that there are students in danger or failing that may not have been in that position had they been able to attend school in person. He and his teachers are trying at great lengths to reach these kids, but in the end, the fact remains, there is no on-line replacement for what we do. Mr. Roe is working on a plan to possibly bring in individual students to receive one on one assistance. He is also working on some ideas for his Seniors as far as graduation, but all of that depends on NYS guidelines.

Mr. Taylor left the meeting.

Mrs. Bombard reported that she had her staff in on Monday for a meeting and at that time let them know about the surprise parade. Her staff has been working very hard through all of this. The current packets that are out with the students contain work through May 15. They have decided with the next packets being sent home, the work will be scaled back a bit, they are also looking at possibly bringing the students in on a one to one basis to meet with their teacher and pick-up any items they may have left at school, this would allow time for the teachers to assess where the students are academically and how to place them in September. This would also allow for some closure for the students and teachers.

Mr. Cook reported that his teachers are still working on the on-line learning platform; they have some students who are just not participating; he even had a parent call asking him to talk to their child about doing the work; teachers document all contact/no contact with the students.

Mrs. Keene reported that she is keeping busy with plans for next year as well as keeping track of the information that comes down from State Ed.

Mrs. Meister reported that the CSE Department has been holding their meeting through Zoom and it is going very well. They are about half way through Elementary and then they will begin on pre-kindergarten. It's challenging but she is receiving positive feedback from parents. She has been working with off-campus placements and providing chrome books and other services for them; working with other CSE Directors to make sure we are all on the same page; we have a paper trail of every attempt to contact students.

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Code of Conduct and Plain Language Code of Conduct as presented.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the non-resident tuition rate for 2020-21 to be set at \$541 for students in grades K-12.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the one-time exemption regarding vacation and/or extra day rollover for 12-month employees.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the following pertaining to the upcoming roof project:

KING & KING Architects selected by the Tioga Central School District has recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that "The 2020 Capital Outlay Project" is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act and will not have a significant impact on the environment because the work consists of maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility. The project is therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA.

RESOLVED that the Tioga Central School District Board of Education acting as lead agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations and upon the recommendation of the School District's architect hereby determines that "The 2020 Capital Outlay Project" is Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

8. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Abram Nichols, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

January 2020 Financial Report

February 2020 Financial Report

BOCES Final Request for Services for 2020/21 in the amount of \$2,047,639.70

9. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the following appointments to tenure:

Name of Appointee: Meghan Goforth

Tenure Area: Academic Language

Date of Commencement

of Service on Tenure: September 1, 2020

Certification Status: Professional (Spanish 7-12) January 9, 2014

Name of Appointee: Kristopher Harrington

Tenure Area: Academic Social Studies

Date of Commencement

of Service on Tenure: September 1, 2020

Certification Status: Professional (Social Studies 7-12) January 1, 2010

Name of Appointee: Jordan Hathaway
Tenure Area: Academic Social Studies
Date of Commencement
of Service on Tenure: September 1, 2020
Certification Status: Professional (Social Studies 7-12) August 31, 2019

Name of Appointee: Deseree Ingraham
Tenure Area: Elementary K-6
Date of Commencement
of Service on Tenure: September 1, 2020
Certification Status: Professional (Early Childhood/Childhood Ed.) April 24, 2019

Name of Appointee: Leanne Schneider
Tenure Area: Guidance Counselor
Date of Commencement
of Service on Tenure: September 1, 2020
Certification Status: Permanent (School Counselor) November 9, 2018

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the following probationary appointments:

Name of Appointee: Lindsay Dougherty
Tenure Area: Academic Math
Certification(s): Probationary, pending certification
Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020
Expiration Date of Appointment: August 31, 2024*

Name of Appointee: Ian MacDonald
Tenure Area: Special Music
Certifications(s): Initial: Music
Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020
Expiration Date of Appointment: August 31, 2023*
- 1 year credit for previous tenure

Name of Appointee: Jennifer Parker
Tenure Area: Elementary
Certification(s): Probationary, pending certification
Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020
Expiration Date of Appointment: August 31, 2023*
- 1 year Jarema credit for previous year

Name of Appointee: Melissa Pettinato
Tenure Area: Elementary
Certification(s): Probationary, pending certification
Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020
Expiration Date of Appointment: August 31, 2023*
- 1 year Jarema credit for previous year

Name of Appointee/Position: David Sickler/.5 Health .5 Driver Ed.
Tenure Area: Special Health
Certifications(s): Probationary, pending certification
Commencement of Probationary Service: September 1, 2020
Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 31, 2023
- 1 year credit for previous tenure

**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 probation 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.*

10. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE, CPSE or 504 Recommendations as presented.

11. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Abram Nichols, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter into executive session at 7:35 pm, to discuss ongoing negotiations and matters leading to the employment of particular person or persons.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Abram Nichols, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to return to public session at 8:16 pm.

13. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Abram Nichols, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk