

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
May 18, 2021

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, 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. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

Absent: Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve Board Minutes dated May 5, 2021 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust, or Workers' Compensation. There is a Health Trust meeting scheduled for May 21, 2021 and Mr. Schweiger is planning on attending.

Mrs. Meister reported that she is finishing MS meetings, starting elementary meetings. Working on scheduling K, 1st and CPSE. Following up on kids that have been on the radar to see what supports are needed next year. Mrs. Meister and school psychologists met with Racker Family Resources today and reviewed services available through them for community resources.

Mrs. Keene is continuing to work on the Professional Development plan that includes a teacher survey. She is also watching Federal Stimulus money and will be meeting soon on all of that to make sure we have a plan in place.

Mrs. Bombard wrapped up 5 week reports this week and state testing, aside from the NYS Science Tests coming up for 4th grade. Early Intervention follow up – Kindergarten team put packet together Kindergarten readiness skills to send home to the incoming group. Planning stages for Planting Fest in June, PreK, K and 4th grade graduations.

Mr. Cook also wrapped up math testing and is looking forward to the science test next. Year-end schedule for testing has been created. Working on credit recovery program for summer – 1 teacher slot filled, and 1 more needs to be filled. Also working on F&P training for teachers this summer.

Mr. Roe stated that the final exam schedule took a lot of work. They will be giving all 10 exams (6 courses that don't have them officially will get old exams that are modified with content appropriate for this year). This past weekend was the dinner dance at Shepherd Hills, it went well and he is proud of students and how they carried themselves, and how they enjoyed each other's company. Thank you to Ashley Foley for chairing the prom committee. Looking forward to giving seniors what we can to close out this year.

Mr. Taylor reported that we are currently at an all-time low of remote students – at 60 students. Guidance is changing all the time in terms of masks, distancing, vaccines, etc. Most recent guidance still indicates that while on school grounds, you should be masked. County is still investigating to provide further guidance.

Federal funds – Info is starting to come out and how it can be used. Timeline is aggressive to turn around plan. 3 years to spend the funds, but there are specifics. Need to consider one-time purchases as opposed to expenditures that have to be sustained after the funding is done. May be able to use some of the funding for HVAC.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

*Negotiated Agreements for Teachers' Association and Support Staff
TCS Code of Conduct for 2021-22*

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the following:

*April 2021 Clams Auditor Report
April 2021 Extraclassroom Report
Resolution to participate in Cooperative bidding for food service items
Non-resident tuition amounts for 2021-22 grades K-12 remain at \$541/year
Donation received from Mr. VanGelder of \$3,549 for warm-ups for track team*

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the following:

Resignation received from Andrew Silvanic from bus driver position effective 6/30/21
Termination of Scott Vrooman from position of 7-12 Spanish Teacher position Effective 6/30/21
Abolishment of (1) .5 FTE UPK teaching position
Creation of (1) 1.0 FTE UPK teaching position
Creation of (1) 1.0 FTE School Counselor position

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

Name of appointee: Sierra Beebe
Tenure area: Elementary K-6
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2021
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2025*
Certification status: Childhood Ed. 1-6, Initial, expiring January 31, 2023

Name of appointee: Cindy Briggs
Tenure area: Elementary K-6
Date of commencement of service: July 1, 2021
Certification status: Early Childhood B-2, Professional

Name of appointee: Alexis Davis
Tenure area: Special Agriculture Education
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2021
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2025*
Certification status: Agriculture, Initial, expiring August 31, 2024

Name of appointee: Mikayla Short
Tenure area: Special Education
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2021
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2025*
Certification status: Students w/Disabilities 1-6, Initial, exp August 31, 2025

Name of appointee: Aubrey Worthing
Tenure area: Elementary K-6
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2021
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2024*
(Jarema credit given for previous tenure in another district)
Certification status: Childhood Ed. 1-6, Initial, expiring August 31, 2021

**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.*

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions/comments from the public.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to enter executive session at 6:26 pm.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to return to public session at 6:39 pm.

10. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Kendra Seaver
Treasurer