

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room  
May 19, 2020

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

Adm./Others: Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal (Zoom)  
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 (Zoom)  
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk  
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer (Zoom)

Absent: Dr. Abram Nichols, Member

**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. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated May 6, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

**4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mrs. Bombard reported that she and Mr. VanDusen delivered the next round of packets today and collected work from students also. She is continuing to monitor the students using Seesaw and they are scheduling benchmarks with students beginning next week. UPK and Kindergarten registration will be coming up and screening for Kindergarteners will begin the first week of August.

Mr. Cook reported that they are continuing with the remote learning in the middle school. Some of the students have had to be converted from technology based to paper copies. Mr. Cook will be getting out to visit some of our Special Education students soon.

Mr. Roe stated that 5-week reports were mailed today; it's been difficult to reach our at-risk kids; he will be sending letters to his seniors that are in danger of not graduating. High School teachers have been working with at-risk kids doing "catch-up" sessions. Art and Technology classes have been very challenging to do remotely. Mr. Roe has a few different scenarios for graduation, depending on what, if anything, is going to be allowed by the State.

Mrs. Keene reported that she recently participated in a webinar regarding the consolidated application which has to do with Title I, II, IV, and V grants. Not a lot, but some changes, that will keep her busy.

Mrs. Meister reported that she had pre-school meetings today and only has a few more to go. She has programs in place for her off-campus BTBOCES students and is submitting a learning plan for students with disabilities to SED.

Dr. Hamilton announced that there would be no meal distribution on Monday, May 25, due to the holiday, it will be moved to Tuesday, May 26 instead. We also received word that we could continue with the distribution of food through the end of August as we have been. We will hopefully know by the end of May, whether summer recreation programs will be able to happen or not. Dr. Hamilton also stated that he has a meeting tomorrow and there will be discussion regarding graduation ceremonies, so he should know more after that meeting. Dr. Hamilton then reviewed the budget one final time with the Board.

## **5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the 2020-21 Budget Propositions below:

### **2020 – 2021 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 \$18,452,924 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 \$274,000 as follows:*

*2 - 65/70 Passenger School Buses at a gross cost not exceeding \$137,000 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 \$274,000 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 \$274,000 with the appropriation coming from the General Fund Balance.*

### **Land Purchase**

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, in the Town of Tioga, Tioga County, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase property and to expend therefore a gross sum not exceeding \$15,000 as follows:*

*Purchase of the property located in the Town of Tioga, County of Tioga and State of New York, known as 2947 State Route 17C, consisting of approximately 4.5 acres of land, and known as Town of Tioga Tax Map No. 148.00-1-17.20.*

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the following people to help with the Budget Vote and Election on June 9, 2020:

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| <i>Chairperson:</i>        | <i>Jill Reese</i>       |
| <i>Election Inspector:</i> | <i>Bethann Rieg</i>     |
| <i>Election Inspector:</i> | <i>Kristy Robertson</i> |
| <i>Election Inspector:</i> | <i>Deb Sherman</i>      |
| <i>Election Inspector:</i> | <i>Sally Sundberg</i>   |
| <i>Election Inspector:</i> | <i>Renee Wainwright</i> |

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the ERS Standard Workday Resolution for Employees forms effective July 1, 2020.

## **6. FINANCIAL**

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

*March 2020 Financial Report*  
*April 2020 Claims Auditor Report*  
*March 2020 Extraclassroom Report*  
*April 2020 Extraclassroom Report*

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve payment out of the employee benefit reserve, for unused sick days of retirees, as per contract language.

**7. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE, CPSE or 504 Recommendations as presented.

**8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

**9. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Jill Reese  
Clerk