

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member *arrived at 6:30pm*
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction/CSE Chair
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Director of Pupil Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the June 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the June 28, 2023, Special 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.

Mr. Cook reported that the school year has wrapped up; 10 students are participating in the credit recovery program, their attendance has been perfect; two staff members will be on maternity leave at the start of school, coverage for both is in place; an update on the Technology position should be available at the next meeting.

Mrs. Camin reported that she has been doing a lot of “new learning” and spending a lot of time with Mrs. Meister in preparation of her transition to CPSE/CSE; 8 years as a special education teacher has been very helpful in the learning process and she is excited for the change in duties; she is surrounded by a team that is there to help her if needed.

Mrs. Bombard reported that she is in the process of getting all of the paperwork needed for new PreK and K students; PreK will have two classes of 14 students and one class of 15 students; class list are being built; after the master schedule is complete, the reading schedule will be built, and then the speech and OT schedule; the anticipated completion date of the master schedule is August 1st; letters for the new school year will be mailed the second week of August; the open 3rd and 4th grade positions have been filled; Amy Walsh will be filling the reading vacancy; currently working on covering two leaves of absence to start the 23-24 school year.

Mr. Roe reported that letters will go out to students/families that need to retake a Regents test at the end of July; work on the master schedule has started in collaboration with Jane Seymour and Ashley Foley; the turf project is progressing very well, site work is currently one week ahead of schedule; the HVAC project in the middle school is moving along and old units are being taken out in preparation of installing the new units; the roofing project is set to begin soon; currently there is a Federal grant opportunity that would cover the cost of new electric buses, the grant only covers the cost of the buses, not the electrical infrastructure to charge them; the grant also has a minimum of 15 buses that must be replaced, with the current bus it is replacing being taken off the road; the district is not in a position to change that many buses over to electric so we will continue to search for grants that better meet our capabilities at this time.

6. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Old/New Business Agenda Item A:

Initial Approval of the 2023-24 District-Wide Safety Plan

7. **FINANCIAL**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

***Approval** to reopen the Minivan Bid, no bids were received through the first bid process
Approval and Award of bids for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project- Phase 2 as outlined in the updated letter of recommendation, dated July 11, 2023, from King & King Architects, totaling \$14,275,047.66*

***Approval** of the June 2023 Extraclassroom Report*

Scot Taylor, new member, arrived at 6:30pm

***Approval** of the final AS-7 BT BOCES Services Contract for 2022-23*

Scot Taylor, new member abstained from the vote.

8. SUSPEND MEETING

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to suspend the Regular Meeting, and return to the Reorganizational Meeting at 6:32pm, to administer the oath to new member, Scot Taylor.

Scot Taylor, new member abstained from the vote.

9. RECONVENE

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:35pm.

10. PERSONNEL

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

Acceptance and approval of the unpaid leave under FMLA request received from Alyssa Mosher.

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Ronnette Councilman

Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper

Probationary Service Begins: September 1, 2023

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: August 31, 2024

Name of Appointee: Paige Goble

Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper

Probationary Service Begins: September 1, 2023

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: August 31, 2024

Name of Appointee: Casandra Palmer

Civil Service Position: Monitor

Probationary Service Begins: September 1, 2023

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: August 31, 2024

Name of appointee: Kiara Babcock

Tenure area: Elementary K-6

Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2023

Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2027

Certification status: Childhood Education (1-6), Initial

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.

Approval of the following Summer Recreation appointment for 2023-24:

Emily Potter Soccer

Approval of the following addition to the volunteer list:

Jacob Howland- Football

Connor Hutchinson- Football and Basketball

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

Cheryl Porcari- Support Staff (Cafeteria, Monitor)

Kiara Babcock- Instructional Staff

11. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Joshua Roe and the Board of Education welcomed Mr. Scot Taylor as a new member of the Board.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:39pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons leading to the appointment of a particular person or persons.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 7:02pm.

13. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk