

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mr. Owen Kelso, Director of CSE
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, MS Principal
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal arrived at 6:08pm
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the July 31, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust Consortium, Workers' Compensation, other board reports, events, or updates.

Mr. Kelso reported that he has been getting to know and building a rapport with district staff, it is important to lay the groundwork to make hard conversations easier if the need should arise; Mrs. Camin and Mrs. Cary have been a big help in transitioning to this new job; first onsite visit has been completed at George Junior; several trainings have been completed, including Medicaid and CSE/CPSE through BOECS; a coordinated effort with Mr. Roe and Mr. Williams is ongoing to make sure all transportation needs of our off-campus students are being met.

Mrs. Camin reported that orientations are scheduled for next week, 5th grade is Tuesday, 8/27 at 6pm, 6th grade is Wednesday, 8/28 at 6pm, and 7th grade is Thursday, 8/29 at 6pm; 5th and 6th grade students will attend with their parents and visit their classrooms, 7th grade students will follow a shortened schedule to familiarize themselves with moving from class to class, and all students will have the opportunity to work on one of their biggest stressors, opening their lockers; 5th grade will be introducing their team teaching approach that was inspired by 6th grade that started the team approach three years ago.

Mr. Wood arrived at 6:08pm

Mrs. Camin conclude her report stating that of the four students offered credit recovery, three completed the program and one did not attend.

Mr. Wood reported that August Regents took place on the 19th and 20th, several students were on campus taking the exams, a big thank you to all of the staff that came in to help proctor and grade the exams; fall sports have started, football, field hockey, and volleyball practices are underway and all others will start on Monday; orientation for freshmen and new students will be held on Wednesday, 8/28 at 6pm in the high school cafeteria.

Mrs. Root asked if there would be a conflict with the high school and middle school both having an open house on 8/28. Mr. Wood replied that any student(s) with a conflict would be accommodated with an individual appointment.

Mrs. Bombard was unable to attend the meeting. She sent a written report that was read to the board by Mr. Roe. The report stated that teacher letters have been sent home to students; Open House will be held on Tuesday, 9/3 with PreK from 4-5:30pm and Kindergarten from 5:30-7pm; thank you to WEBO for their generous donation of school supplies for our students and Catholic Charities for their backpack event that provided many of our students with backpacks, supplies, and haircuts; teachers are continuing to work on getting their classrooms ready; reading teachers, OT, and Speech are working on their schedules so services to our students can begin as quickly as possible; current enrollment for the elementary school is 321 students; a big thank you to our maintenance and custodial crew for the amazing job they did getting the elementary school ready so our teachers would have plenty of time to get their classrooms ready; transportation and food service have also been busy working with us to finalize plans for our students.

Mr. Roe gave the following kudos: Justin Williams for finding a way to accommodate all of our new bus runs. Anna Hurd and her crew for feeding our students throughout the summer despite the kitchen renovation. Dave Keene and his crew for all their hard work this summer. Not only did they have their normal summer work to complete, but they also stepped in to help with issues that arose with all the construction projects. The office staff in each building for the amazing job they have done with the transition to SchoolTool. This transition has been hardest on them, especially the scheduling difficulties. All of your extra time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Roe gave the following update on the status of the construction projects: In the kitchen, the accent wall is complete, the new walk-ins are installed, running, and food is being moved into them, new equipment is being set in place, wired, and plumbed. The high school gym has been painted. Replacement of the high school roof has been slowed down due to issues removing the old roofing material. The timeline for finishing the roof has been moved past the start of the school year. Once the school year starts, the work will be done before 8am, with a hard stop for the start of school, and begin again on 2nd shift after school.

Mrs. Root asked if there would be a cost increase due to the extra work and time needed to remove the old roofing. Mr. Roe replied that it is being investigated now.

Mr. Roe continued with his construction update: All classrooms have been cleaned and waxed. The steps leading to the middle school main entrance have been removed, the base is being cleaned out and fixed as needed, and then the slated is being reset. The handrails have also been sand blasted and refinished. Due to the historical status of the building, all work done must maintain the historical integrity of the building. Progress in the middle school gym continues. Widows, paint, and installation of the new scoreboard are done. The new floor, installation of the wall pads, and the cleaning of the locker rooms should be finished this week. The bleachers will be installed once the school year has started on 2nd shift. Work at the wastewater treatment plant continues to be delayed. The new pumps were received but are the wrong voltage and need to be rewired. Delivery of the clarifier has been pushed out to November. A plan is currently being worked on to install the new clarifier with the least impact on students.

Mr. Roe acknowledged the passing of Carl Wendela, the husband of retiree Julie Wendela. Carl was a huge supporter of our sports teams, and the family has requested that donations be made to the booster club.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

Final Approval of the 2024-2025 District-Wide Safety Plan

First Read on new Policy 7134, Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Participation

Approval of the amendment to the employment contract between the Tioga Central School District and Superintendent Joshua Roe dated May 6, 2021, for a term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, as presented extending the agreement through September 30, 2024.

7. FINANCIAL

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

Approval of the July 2024 Extraclassroom Report

Approval of the July 2024 Treasurer's Report

8. PERSONNEL

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

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of appointee: Tabitha Blevins
Civil Service position: Food Service Helper
Probationary service begins: September 1, 2024
Expiration of probationary service: August 31, 2025

Name of appointee: Brooke Stroble
Civil Service position: Monitor
Probationary service begins: September 1, 2024
Expiration of probationary service: August 31, 2025

Approval of lump sum payment to Anne Schweiger for 30.8 additional sick days that were reimbursed to the District from Workers' Compensation Insurance carrier related to a Workers' Compensation claim. These days are in addition to those that were approved and the April 22, 2024, BOE meeting. The total revised days to be paid is 161.46 days (130.66 initial plus 30.8 additional)

Approval to revoke the appointment of Stephanie Rajnes, as Deputy Treasurer with her last day of service being August 30, 2024

Approval to appoint Kelly Covert to the position of Deputy Treasurer effective August 31, 2024, and until such time as the Board may revoke the appointment

Approval of the following addition(s) to the substitute list(s) for the 24-25 school year:

- Amanda Forrest- Support Staff and Instructional Staff
- James Parente- Instructional Staff
- Suzanne Conden- Instructional Staff
- Tabitha Blevins- Support Staff
- Brooke Stroble- Support Staff
- Adina Shugars- Support Staff

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:43pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters, and the employment history of a particular person or persons leading to the appointment of a particular person or persons.

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:16pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk