

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member arrived at 6:33pm
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
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member

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 Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the August 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the August 9, 2023, Amended 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 middle school had a very smooth opening day, with only 3 students absent; over the weekend, Ms. Sabrina Swartz lost her significant other unexpectedly, Mrs. Abbie Macumber offered, and will be covering Ms. Swartz's classroom to begin the school year.

Mrs. Camin reported that staff was back yesterday for the first conference day of the school year, with topics that included different ways to give and receive feedback, an introduction on how to do praise walks, and other building specific meetings; the state has not released data from testing yet.

Mrs. Bombard reported that last night's open houses had a fantastic turnout, most classrooms had 75-100% of their students visit; today was a great first day with only two students absent; there are 24 new students that started the year in K-4th grade and 39 new PreK students; reading and related services schedules are being finalized; benchmarking will begin tomorrow; a huge thank you to our bus drivers for the amazing job they did on the first day.

Mr. Wood reported that fall sports have begun and are off to a good start; last Wednesday's freshman orientation went smoothly and was well attended; Dave Keene and his crew have done an incredible job getting the building ready for the start of school; the first day of school went well; the seniors were in early to celebrate their last first day with a senior sunrise; there have been 9 new move-ins to start the school year; Ed Zareski and Nick Aiello did a great job resolving student technology issues today.

Mr. Roe updated the board on the current number of homeschool and non-resident students; he also reported that Mr. Keene's crew has done an outstanding job getting everything ready for the start of school, including a last minute flooring project in the board room, athletic fields, and all of the finishing touches that teachers need done before students arrive; today was a great opening day district wide; summer projects are progressing and near completion including, the turf being complete, the track will be getting one more spray coat tomorrow and then it will be ready to have lines painted, the egress for the middle school boys locker room is near complete with only a few finishing touches left to do, the middle school roof is 90% complete with vent fans being replaced as part of the alternate project that was able to be included, demolition is complete on the high school gym entrance, the foundation will be poured tomorrow and is currently on track to be finished the third week of September; our food service program will be receiving additional state funding again this year based on 30% of the food they serve to our students being from New York State; Upstate Securities and the district are still looking for a school resource officer that is the right fit for our schools.

6. PERSONNEL

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

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Stuart Rogers, retiring from his position as Academic Science Teacher. Stuart's last day of service will be on November 9, 2023

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

*Name of Appointee: Douglas Nichols
Civil Service Position: Bus Driver
Probationary Service Begins: Retroactive to September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Appointment: August 31, 2024*

*Name of Appointee: Charles Cornell
Civil Service Position: Courier
Probationary Service Begins: Retroactive to September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service: August 31, 2024*

*Name of Appointee: Charles Cornell
Civil Service Position: Cleaner (Bus Garage)
Probationary Service Begins: Retroactive to September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service: August 31, 2024*

Approval of the following permanent appointment(s):

*Name of Appointee: Amanda Bailey
Civil Service Position: Office Specialist 1
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023*

*Name of Appointee: Melissa Bidwell Brink
Civil Service Position: Monitor
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023*

*Name of Appointee: Andreea Earley
Civil Service Position: Monitor
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023*

*Name of Appointee: Eric Shay
Civil Service Position: Monitor
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023*

*Name of Appointee: Erin Nichols
Civil Service Position: Driver
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023*

*Name of Appointee: Emily Losier
Civil Service Position: Monitor
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023*

*Name of Appointee: Stephanie Vandervort
Civil Service Position: Assistant Cook*

Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023

Name of Appointee: Denise Casselbury
Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper
Probationary Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Permanent Appointment Date: September 1, 2023

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

Megan Shumway- Support Staff (Monitor)
Michele Herin- Support Staff (Driver)
Mary Klossner- Support Staff (Driver)
Steve Reynolds- Support Staff (Custodial)

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:27pm 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 Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

Mr. Scot Taylor, member arrived at 6:33pm

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 6:47pm.

9. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk