

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2021

Present: Mr. Chris Klossner, Member
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Student Services
Mr. Jacob Roe, HS Principal (zoom)
Mrs. Jill Reese
Mrs. Kendra Seaver

Others: Mrs. Stephanie Fuller

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the September 1, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

3. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Bombard reported the Elementary School is off to a fantastic start, a big thank you to Kristy, Justin and Dave K. for doing a tremendous job. Benchmarking is almost completed; in grades UPK-4 there have been 23 new students, 14 of them are 1st graders, and 13 students have moved out of the district; our new counselor is doing well and will be a great resource and give good support to our students; plans for Harvest Fest should be finalized tomorrow, the date has been set for Thursday, September 23.

Mr. Cook reported that Fountas & Pinnell program is off to a good start; interactive read-alongs have started; AIS is getting ready to begin; athletics and extra-curriculars are up and running; kids are doing a great job with wearing their masks, only a few reminders here and there.

Mr. Jacob Roe reported that the high school was off to a very smooth start; they have had no issues at all with student masking and cell phone policies; the learning lab is up and running and teachers as well as students have been very appreciative of it; Ag teachers Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Zorn are looking into a FFA trip to Indianapolis.

Mrs. Meister reported that the district has been able to bring a former off-campus student to on-campus learning, very exciting, thank you Mr. Roe and the Administrators. The student is already learning how to be mobile and communicate through his electronic device.

Mr. Joshua Roe stated that the first few days of the school year, he walked the halls of all the buildings and saw how much work went into opening the schools, everyone did a great job! He is currently working with the DOH on a game plan to provide testing to unvaccinated staff, and we are now waiting on tests from the County but will hopefully have them by the last week of September. Thank you to Mountaintop Greenhouses for their donation of \$460 to be given to various clubs/groups at Tioga. Mr. Roe went on to say that the ARP-ESSER Grant of 1.9 million was about ready to submit; he also mentioned the proposed Capital Project and listed some of the repairs/improvements that would be addressed in each building with this project that will help keep the district up and running. The total cost of the proposed project will be \$18,607,575 with no cost impact to district residents.

4. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

First reading of policies:

- *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*
- *Data Security and Privacy*
- *Parent's Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security*

Second and final reading will take place at the meeting on October 6

Approval of the Audit Response/Corrective Action Plan for the school year ending June 30, 2021 as presented

Approval of Caitlin Zimmer to begin her student teaching assignment in September with Mrs. Albrecht, in kindergarten

Approval of the Administrative Agreement for the period 2021-22 through 2023-24

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the SEQRA Resolution as presented.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Special District Meeting Resolution as presented.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept and approve the bid for the 2021-22 Capital Outlay Project as presented.

5. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of August 2021 Claims Auditor Report
Approval of the application for corrected tax roll for Elston property
Approval to advertise bidding of surplus property items

6. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval to rescind the previous appointment of Willard Cook as District Wide Safety Coordinator, Mr. Cook was appointed at the Re-org meeting on July 7, 2021
Approval of the appointment of Michelle Bombard as District Wide Safety Coordinator for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year
Approval of the following probationary appointment:
Name of appointee: Carissa Nelson
Position: Monitor
Date of commencement of probationary service: September 1, 2021(Retro)
Expiration date of appointment: August 31, 2022
Approval of the following additions to the Substitute and Volunteer Lists:
Sarah Bullock – Instructional (Retro 9/1)
Jenna Smolinsky – Instructional and Support
Amanda Forrest – Instructional and Support
Deborah Peake – Support Staff (Retro 9/13)
Nathan Jaye – Support Staff
Destiny Cotto – Support Staff
Alexis Davis – Support Staff (Bus Driver)
Jason Bellis – Support Staff (Bus Driver)
Tyler Chesebro – Support Staff (Bus Driver and Custodial)

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There was one comment from the public regarding vaccine mandates, Mr. Roe read the question and stated that there are legitimate concerns, however, we are a state-run agency and must comply with mandates.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter executive session at 7:05 pm.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 7:57 pm.

9. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk