

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mr. 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  
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal  
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal  
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive  
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Evan Cleveland, Insero & Co.

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, 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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the September 4, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Evan Cleveland, an auditor with Insero & Co. gave a brief presentation of the draft audit report for the year ending June 30, 2024; there were no concerns or comments issued for the district audit nor the extraclassroom audit.

Mr. Roe acknowledged Mrs. Renee Wainwright and Mrs. Kendra Seaver for the outstanding job they do with the district and extraclassroom financials.

Mr. Evan Cleveland left the meeting at 6:06pm.

There is a Legislative meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Mr. Scot Taylor and Mr. Joshua Roe will be attending the meeting.

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

Mr. Kelso reported that he has been dotting i's and crossing t's on paperwork to be sure that students have all of the support that they need; connections are being made with students, parents and programs; yesterday's site visit at BOCES with a student and their parents went well; there is a parent visit coming up at George Junior for a potential placement; seven CSE meetings are scheduled for next week, along with participating as a surprise reader at PreK.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked how we are doing finding placements for students? Mr. Kelso responded that we are doing ok, currently there are only two students without placements.

Mrs. Camin reported that middle school is up and running; 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade benchmarking is complete and reading groups have been created; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are getting into a routine with changing classes and when to stop at their lockers; grade level meetings are being held this week to discuss students of concern; chorus and band lessons have started.

Mrs. Bombard gave huge kudos to all the PreK and Kindergarten teachers who have done an amazing job establishing structure and routine for their students. She also reported that the afterschool programs at local churches have started and thirty plus students are attending; beginning of the year benchmarking is complete; student of concern meetings are focusing on new transfer students to help catch them up academically, especially those that have transferred in from out of state where academic standards vary; safety drills have begun, including the first round of bus drills and fire drills; our SRO has been on a couple of home visits checking on students that have been absent and also visited PreK to be a surprise reader where he read a book about a school resource officer; the first field trip of the school year is next week, PreK will be visiting the Cider Mill.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked about our ESL students. Mrs. Bombard responded that all have returned to school and that ESL services are pushing into the classrooms throughout the day to best meet the needs of each student.

Mr. Wood reported that sports are underway; Sophia Haney is two goals away from breaking the school record; it has been a smooth beginning of the school year thanks to our amazing office staff, Ashley and Kaitlyn have done a phenomenal job adjusting schedules, Amanda has been a huge help with all things sports, and Sherri is amazing with all aspects of how the high school runs.

Mr. Roe reported that middle school gym construction is complete and the final punch list is being reviewed; replacement of the clarifier and gear drive at the waste water treatment plant will be done next summer; replacement of the high school roof continues with removal of the old roofing happening from 5am-8am and installation of the new roofing happening from 8am-2pm in an effort to minimize disruption during the school day; the food service department has qualified for the NYS 30% for the 24-25 school year and will receive an additional \$0.19 of reimbursement for each lunch meal; the transition to SchoolTool continues, updating records once yellow cards are returned is a tedious process that is currently taking between 7-9 minutes per student, this has slowed down getting the parent portal up and running for the school year; updates are also being made to student records in SchoolTool to align with the School Messenger all-call system; there have been numerous school shooting threats made on social media over the last few days across all BTBOCES school districts and New York State, each threat is taken seriously and is thoroughly investigated by administrators, the SRO, and local authorities, to date all threats have been unfounded; preliminary state testing results are in and indicate that our students did well.

## **6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

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

***Approval** of the Memorandum of Agreement between TCSD and the Support Staff of the Tioga Central School District*

***Approval** of the Transportation Contract with Kevin Tuttle retroactive to September 5, 2024*

***Second Reading and Adoption** of new Policy 6123, Workplace Violence Prevention Policy*

## **7. FINANCIAL**

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

***Approval** of the August 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** to schedule a Special Election on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of filling the vacant board seat for the term ending June 2026*

***Approval** of the following addition(s) to the volunteer list:*

*Miranda Szymanski- Field Hockey*

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

- *Alisha Rick- Support Staff*
- *Ian Mumbulo- 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 6:37pm 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 Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:03pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm.

Kristy Robertson  
Clerk