

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
September 20, 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 6:32pm

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. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive/Tax Collector
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mr. Evan Cleveland, Insero

Absent: Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 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 4-0 to approve the September 6, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Evan Cleveland from Insero presented the draft audit report to the board; no concerns or issues were noted with the General Fund; the Extraclassroom Activity Fund had one issue noted, 1 of 10 receipts examined were not submitted to the Central Treasurer in a timely manner and therefore not deposited in a timely manner.

Mrs. Lee Wood, Member was not able to attend the meeting but emailed a report to Mrs. Cathi Root, President, and Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President regarding the Legislative meeting

that she attended on September 13th. Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein read the email that contained the following information: Elections of the chairperson and vice-chairperson remained the same, Randy Kerr and Pete Nowcki; legislative shadow appointments were made and Mrs. Wood will be shadowing Assemblymember Chris Friend; 56 proposed resolutions were outlined including, #17- NYSSBA supports a requirement to have state supplied naloxone (NARCAN) available for use in all school buildings, and #19- NYSSBA advocates for the state to conduct a feasibility study regarding infrastructure, logistical, and fiscal aspects of the zero-emission school vehicle mandate and revise as necessary; review of the 2023-2024 SBA calendar; the annual business meeting will be held on October 3rd.

Mrs. Zwierlein stated that we are the only district in our BOCES that is not a member of NYSSBA. Mr. Roe responded that the previous superintendent had NYSSBA come in and give the board a presentation on the services they offer. After weighing the services offered versus the cost of membership, the board decided not to become a member. NYSSBA membership could be revisited if the board would like.

Mrs. Kendra Seaver reported that the first Health Trust Consortium meeting will be held on October 20th.

Mrs. Kendra Seaver reported that the first Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on November 3rd.

There was nothing to report for other board reports, events, or updates.

Mr. Cook reported that the middle school is settling in to the school year; students with a history of being chronically absent are being watched closely and parents are being contacted; academic intervention has begun, study halls are being moved to align with the subject students need extra support in; the middle school will be participating in homecoming spirit week and will end the week with Fun Night on October 5th.

Mrs. Camin reported that benchmark assessments, including STAR Renaissance and Fountas and Pinnell are on track; some of our teachers have started the year using eDoctrina for the first time, they have been reaching out with questions and troubleshooting or submitting tickets when other issues arise; Monday 9/25 will be the first meeting for new teachers and the first mentor meeting will be in October; second year teachers will be meeting with their mentors quarterly and have monthly check ins from Mrs. Camin beginning in October; performance data from last year's assessments has been received and is being compiled for principals and teachers so they can analyze and apply the data to their instruction this year.

Mrs. Bombard reported that benchmarking is about a week ahead of schedule, reading is complete and math is near completion; 1st through 4th grades have jumped right into their academics for the school year, PreK and Kindergarten are still learning the ropes of daily expectations; eight new students have moved in since the start of the school year; the elementary school will be participating in spirit week, 4th grade students will be voting on the themes for each day; on Saturday, 9/23 along Mrs. Bombard and Mrs. Camin went to Tioga

Downs to accept a generous donation from the Southern Tier Amateur Club for Tioga Elementary School.

Mr. Wood reported that the high school is off to a good start and running smoothly; the first building committee meeting is in the books with no major concerns noted; this year's spirit week will be held 10/2 – 10/5 with a different theme for each day, hallway decorating will happen after school on 10/4, there will be a pep rally on 10/5, the homecoming football game will be on 10/6 against the SVEC Eagles, and the week will end with the homecoming dance on 10/7.

Mr. Scot Taylor, Member arrived at 6:32pm

Mr. Wood continued with his report stating that fall sports are doing well, both varsity soccer teams are leading their divisions, the football team is undefeated, while field hockey and volleyball are in rebuilding years after graduating several key players last years and are improving with every game/match; school pictures are scheduled for next week.

Mrs. Cathi Root, Member asked how attendance has been at the high school. Mr. Wood responded that they are keeping a close eye on students that are coming in tardy. Mr. Roe stated that one of our chronically absent students from last school year has been to school every day so far this year.

Mr. Roe updated the board on the current status of the projects happening throughout the district; the middle school roof should be completed in less than two weeks; the concrete work outside the high school gym should be done ahead of schedule; the new exhaust fans on the roofs are all operational; HVAC communications dropped out early this week, the issue has been fixed and Trane is onsite troubleshooting the cause; the turf project was completed under budget, making it possible to use the excess funds for other upgrades to the facilities with SED approval, a few of the ideas being considered are, updating to LED bulbs, upgrading security cameras, updating the bathrooms, and updating the softball field; a new grant has been written and submitted with the help of Mrs. Kendra Seaver, if we receive the grant a portion of the funds will be used to continue some of the programming being done through the federal grant along with some new projects; a meeting as been scheduled with RJMA, the grant writing firm we are collaborating with to see if we will continue with their services; Mr. Roe will be attending a Fall Leadership Summit for superintendents being held by NYSCOSS on 9/30 and 10/1

Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member asked if the district was still doing Harvest Fest in the fall. Mr. Roe responded that we are now doing Planting Fest in the spring in place of Harvest Fest.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

Approval of the resolution authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigation

7. FINANCIAL

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

Approval of application for corrected tax roll for Schoonover property 135.00-2-11.30
Approval of application for corrected tax roll for Schoonover property 135.00-2-13
Approval of application for corrected tax roll for Thomas property
Approval of the August 2023 Treasurer's Report
Approval of the August 2023 Extraclassroom Report
Acceptance and approval of the generous donation from Southern Tier Amateur Club for Tioga Elementary School.

8. PERSONNEL

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

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Douglas Nichols, resigning from his position as Bus Driver, effective retroactively to 9/1/2023.
Approval of the following addition(s) to the substitute list(s):
Randi Brewer-Haskins- Support Staff (Monitor)
Jonah Schumacher- Instructional Staff and Support Staff (Monitor)
Eve Wood- Support Staff (Monitor), retroactive to 9/1/2023
Beth Hosmer- Instructional Staff, retroactive to 9/1/2023

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:51pm 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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:44pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk