

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
October 16, 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
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, MS Principal
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Owen Kelso, Director of CSE
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 Lee Wood, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the October 2, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Scot Taylor reported that he would be attending the meet the candidates meeting of the Legislative Committee tomorrow at BOCES, beginning at 6pm.

There is a Health Trust Consortium meeting scheduled for Friday, October 25th at 6:00pm.
Mr. Gregory Schweiger is unable to attend, and no alternate will be sent.

There is a Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting scheduled for Friday, November 1st at 6:00pm. Mr. Scot Taylor is unable to attend, Mr. Gregory Schweiger will be attending as the alternate representative.

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

Mr. Kelso was absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Camin reported that 5-week reports have gone home and after-school study hall has begun; after-school study hall for 7th and 8th grade students failing two or more subjects is from 3-5pm, student athletes failing two or more subjects must attend from 3-4pm to remain eligible to play; after-school study hall for 5th and 6th grade students failing two or more subjects is from 2:45-4pm; this Friday is the first Fun Night of the year, thank you to Dave Keene for getting the volleyball net up on the playground; next week is spirit week.

Mrs. Bombard reported that Conference Day went well last Friday, 3rd and 4th grade teachers looked at and dissected State test data; teachers met by grade level this week to identify students of concern and made plans to support their learning; thank you to Dave and DJ VanDusen for their annual fire safety presentation for our PreK and Kindergarten students; thank you to the Lions Club for coming in and doing their annual vision screening for our students, this free service helps to identify students that may have vision problems.

Mr. Wood reported that 5-week reports went home, 23 freshmen, 11 sophomores, 8 juniors, and 6 seniors are failing one subject or more; the number of freshmen reflects the transition from middle school to high school and most freshman will show improvement at the 10-week mark; many students attended the college fair hosted by TC3 on Tuesday; the Ag Club went to Alfred State College last Thursday, where they learned about the many agriculture and CTE programs that the college offers, as well as practicing some of their competition skills; the high school is gearing up for a PSAT practice test; clubs and activities are underway; Homecoming spirit week will be held next week, with several activities planned including the football game on Friday the 25th and the dance on Saturday the 26th; this Saturday we are anticipating a large crowd on hand to watch the Tioga vs. Waverly football game, in preparation for this there will be a food truck to help support our concession stand, extra adults monitoring crowd control; and extra porta potties; Mr. Layman is doing an impressive job with his class building the roadster, during a recent observation he had 10 students working in groups of two assembling various parts and then installing the parts on the car as a group.

Mr. Roe reported that NYSED has asked districts to submit data dating back to 2016 by December 6th to better understand what services could be regionalized; the district received an encroachment agreement for the brick house that borders the district on 17C, the current fence on the property encroaches on the districts property by 1.3 feet, the agreement would allow the owner to keep the fence as is with the understanding that it is on the district's property and if

any modifications are done it will be moved off of the district's property, the agreement is currently being reviewed by the district's attorney; beginning July 1, 2025 all NYS School Boards will need to have a student member who will attend the public portion of each meeting, the student member will not be able to vote or attend executive session, the term length and method of selection of the student member will be set by each school board; on Sunday we received heavy rains and the temporary roofing over a section of the high school failed, causing significant water to enter the building, approximately 100 ceiling tiles were damaged and some rooms needed to have water pumped out of them, the roofing company has addressed the issue and has ordered replacement ceiling tiles.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

7. FINANCIAL

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

Approval to declare the following items as surplus for bidding:

2013 Thomas 158 VIN 4UZABRDT1FCFV2197

2013 Thomas 159 VIN 4UZABRDTXFCFV2196

2013 Thomas 160 VIN 4UZABRDT0ECFH7134

2013 Thomas 163 VIN 4UZABRDT8FCFW9756

2012 Thomas 164 VIN 4UZABRDT7DCBY3830

Approval of the September 2024 Treasurer's Report

Approval of the application for corrected tax roll for SolaREIT Tippet, LLC property 137.00-3-17.2

Approval of the following Bus Bond Resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2024.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$375,000 BONDS OF TIOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and WHEREAS, at the Annual District Meeting of the qualified voters of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York (the "School District"), held on May 21, 2024, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to undertake the purchase school buses, including original equipment and incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$375,000, such proposition providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with not to exceed \$375,000 obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such purpose and for the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. *The purchase of school buses, including original equipment and incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$375,000 for the Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, is hereby authorized.*

Section 2. *The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall be by the issuance of not to exceed \$375,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.*

Section 3. *It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes five (5) years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.*

Section 4. *The faith and credit of said Tioga Central School District, Tioga County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.*

Section 5. *Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.*

Section 6. *All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.*

Section 7. *The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:*

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

8. PERSONNEL

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

Acceptance and Approval of the letter received from Lorrie Moore, resigning her custodial worker position. Lorrie's last day of service will be 12/31/24

Approval of the request for unpaid leave received from Lauren Schweiger to begin approximately December 9, 2024, through approximately February 9, 2025. Lauren will use sick days from approximately December 2, 2024, through approximately December 6, 2024. Lauren plans to return to work on approximately February 10, 2025

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Dennis Blair

Civil Service Position: Custodial Worker

Probationary Service Begins: October 17, 2024

Expiration of Probationary Appointment*: October 16, 2025

Name of Appointee: Connor Hutchinson

Tenure Area: Licensed Teaching Assistant (Academic Language)

Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: Retroactive to

September 1, 2024

Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 31, 2028

Certification Status: Teaching Assistant Level I, Initial 8/31/24

Name of Appointee: Jennifer Parker

Tenure Area: MS ELA (Academic English)

Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: Retroactive to

September 1, 2024

Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 31, 2028

Certification Status: English Language Arts (5-9), Initial 8/29/24

**To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.*

Approval of the following permanent appointments:

Name of Appointee: Ronnette Councilman

Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper

Probationary Period: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Permanent Appointment: retroactive to September 1, 2024

Name of Appointee: Paige Goble

Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper

Probationary Period: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Permanent Appointment: retroactive to September 1, 2024

Name of Appointee: Casandra Palmer

Civil Service Position: Monitor

Probationary Period: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Permanent Appointment: retroactive to September 1, 2024

Name of Appointee: Rebecca Kithcart

Civil Service Position: Monitor

Probationary Period: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Permanent Appointment: retroactive to September 1, 2024

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

- *William Knoblock- Support Staff*
- *Chance Klotz- 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 6:55pm 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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, 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 7:37pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk