

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2023

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Wendy DeWind, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC

Absent: Mr. Scot Taylor, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction/CSE Chair

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 October 4, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The next Legislative meeting will be held on January 18, 2024

The first Health Trust Consortium meeting will be held on October 20th. Mr. Gregory Schweiger reported that he will be attending the meeting.

The first Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting will be held on November 3rd.

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

Mrs. Bombard reported that the 4th grade teachers, with the help of Mrs. Camin created a science cave for students to utilize science kits that are part of a BOCES sharing program; thank you to DJ and Dave VanDusen for the great presentation they gave during Fire Safety Week to the PreK and K students; Maria Gordon sent home a newsletter to PreK-2nd grade parents as part of her social emotional class; a newsletter for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren has been created to help them navigate the challenges that they face; the Lions Club is doing their annual vision screenings for all elementary students; Kindergarten will be going on the first field trip of the school year to Stoughton Farms.

Mrs. Root stated that we have some parents that are facing similar challenges as grandparents face and inquired if we have a way to help them too. Mrs. Bombard responded that they are working on the best way to reach those parents.

Mr. Wood reported that five-week reports were sent home; the senior class had 5 students failing at least one subject, the junior class had 10 students failing at least one subject, the sophomore class had 8 students failing at least one subject, and the freshman class had 27 students failing at least one subject.

Mrs. Root asked if the freshman were having trouble in a specific class or if it was random classes. Mr. Wood responded that it is mostly random classes.

Mr. Lounsbury asked if this is normal for the freshman. Mr. Roe responded that it is normal for the freshman to have a wake-up call in the first marking period.

Mr. Wood also reported that after school study hall has started and is being held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons; homecoming went very well, thank you to Amanda Bailey for all her hard work making the night special, and congratulations to Gavin Fisher and Jenna Miner on being crowned homecoming king and queen; the homecoming dance went great thanks to Mrs. Shay and the group of staff that volunteered to chaperone; congratulations to both the boys and girls soccer teams on making it into the sectional playoffs.

Mr. Cook was unable to attend the meeting. He sent a report for Mr. Roe to read to the board; the Middle School had their first Fun Afternoon/Night of the school year on October 5th; parent teacher conferences were held on Friday, October 7th; five week reports went home this week, there were only 4 failing grades in 5th and 6th grades, students in 7th and 8th grades are being brought in by teachers for extra help; modified sports ended Saturday and the winter season for basketball and volleyball starts on Monday.

Mrs. Camin was unable to attend the meeting. She sent a report for Mr. Roe to read to the board; mentors of the first-year teachers met on October 17th and started discussing the various phases of a first-year teacher; the first meeting of second-year teachers will be on October 19th; Jared Campbell will be in the middle school on Friday and each school will be visiting to watch him perform.

Mr. Roe acknowledged and thanked the board for all that they do for the district. Mr. Roe reported that there is mortar work happening first and second shifts on the brick work at the middle school; the architects are investigating using excess funds from the turf project to update the softball field.

Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, member left the meeting at 6:21pm

Mr. Roe also reported that after submitting paperwork for the PFAS lawsuit, we found out that state agencies that have applied will not be getting settlement money, the money will be going to the state; the district had a meeting with representatives from Thomas Bus regarding electric buses, the meeting was very informative and it appears that all 15 bus routes in the district could be done without having to recharge in between.

Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, member returned to the meeting at 6:24pm

Mr. Roe continued his report and stated that he has a zoom set up with a representative from NYSEG tomorrow to discuss electric feasibility in regard to having electric buses; there is an EPA grant that the district is looking into, the grant can be applied for yearly and the district falls within two of the three priority categories; starting in 2027 school districts will need to submit a waiver to be able to purchase diesel fuel and part of the waiver process it showing that you have a plan in place to update your fleet to electric; last week there was a zoom meeting with Montante Solar to discuss a solar feasibility study for the district, the district has supplied them with our electric bills to analyze and the free onsite study is being coordinated with our architects at K&K to ensure the roof structure will support solar panels and the spacing of the panels; the bus garage will be part of the study.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

***Approval** of the resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies*

***Approval** of the Floyd Hooker Foundation grant application requesting \$8,000.00 for automated external defibrillators*

***Approval** of Binghamton University intern, Katherine Mikulski a first year MSW student to work with Maria Gordon, Elementary School Social Worker.*

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 the September 2023 Treasurer's Report*

***Approval** of the September 2023 Extraclassroom Report*

***Acceptance and approval** of the generous donation from Encounter Free Methodist Church in the amount of \$500.00 for the PBIS program or similar reward programs for district students.*

8. 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:

Approval of the following probationary appointment:

Name of Appointee: Douglas Nichols

Civil Service Position: Bus Driver

Probationary Period Begins: Retroactive to October 16, 2023

Expiration of Probationary Period: October 15, 2024

Approval of the following winter coaching appointments:

TIOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SALARIES 2023-24

WINTER SPORTS

FIRST NA	LAST NAME	STEP	ACTIVITY	N/i	EXP	LEVEL	PERCENT	LONG	23/24
Desiree	Ford	Modified	Volleyball		40	3	6	2	3,985
Jack	Short	Modified	Basketball - Boys		7	3	6		2,989
Rachel	VanScoy	Modified	Volleyball		7	3	6		2,989
David	Sickler	Varsity	Basketball - Boys		6	3	15		7,472
James	Walsh	Varsity	Wrestling - Girls		13	3	15	1	7,970
Stephanie	Hills	Varsity	Basketball - Girls		9	3	15		7,472
Jordan	Hathaway	JV	Basketball - Boys		7	3	10		4,981
Kris	Harrington	Varsity	Wrestling		7	3	15		7,472
Jason	Bellis	Varsity Asst	Wrestling		5	3	10		4,981
Kathy	Pond	Varsity	Bowling		4	2	6		2,989
Mikayla	Short	JV	Basketball - Girls		2	2	8		3,985
Amanda	Bailey	Varsity	Cheerleading		2	2	6		2,989
Lucas	Klossner	Modified	Basketball - Boys		1	1	4		1,992
Jack	Short	Modified	Basketball - Girls		7	3	6		2,989
Lucas	Klossner	Modified	Basketball - Girls		1	1	4		1,992
Connor	Huchinson	Assistant	Basketball - Boys 2% Ass		0	1	2		996
Ryan	MacWhinnie	Assistant	Wrestling (3%)		5	3	3		1,494
Tyler	Spires	Modified	Wrestling		0	1	4		1,992

Approval of the following addition to the volunteer list:

Alyssah Acosta- Cheerleading

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

Michael Belles- Support Staff (Custodial)

Robert Rockwell- Support Staff (Cafeteria, Custodial, Monitor)

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:40pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters, and matters leading to the discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person.

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

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 7:22pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk