

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Robert Seymour, 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. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Elizabeth Shay
Mr. Michael Williams

Absent: Mr. Owen Kelso, Director of CSE
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, 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 4-0 to approve the October 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the November 5, 2024, Special Election Results.

Newly elected, Robert Seymour, was sworn in as a member of the Tioga Central Board of Education.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Kendra Seaver reported that she attended the Health Trust Consortium meeting on Friday, October 25th; the annual audit for 23/24 was presented with no findings or recommendations; specialty drug costs are having a significant impact at Tioga and other districts across the consortium, there are not a lot of options to control these costs and annual rates for district coverage is expected to increase at the maximum amount each year; also, there was discussion regarding letters that members are receiving from Excellus and their providers regarding contract negotiations, this is a process that regularly occurs, but now is being taken to the public.

Mr. Gregory Schwieger and Mrs. Kendra Seaver attended the Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting on Friday, November 1st; Tioga was nominated and approved as the Deputy Trustee for the Alliance, if the Presiding Trustee is unable to attend the meeting, the Tioga Trustee or alternate will run the meeting; going forward, meetings will be held on Tuesday night instead of Friday; the annual audit for 23/24 was presented with no findings or recommendations; the Alliance is financially strong even though it only contains 6 districts.

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

Mr. Kelso was absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Camin reported that the first Fun Friday of the school year was a success with dodgeball, dancing and a costume contest; the first ten weeks of school will end on Friday, report cards will go home next week; an all call was sent to parents letting them know that state test results are being sent home; homecoming spirit week was followed by a staff undercover spirit week where students tried to guess the theme for each day; in honor of Veteran's Day, local veterans visited classrooms throughout the day to give presentations; on Friday, Nick Aiello will be taking a group of girls to the annual Women in Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin; hands on technology classes are back in the building, it is great to see students learning to use different tools to create projects with their own hands; the rules for afterschool study hall discussed at the last meeting apply to students participating in sports and clubs.

Mrs. Bombard reported that there was a large turnout for the costume parade, students paraded through all three buildings and then around the track for their families to see; the Tioga County Dental Van will be here on Friday; 1st through 4th grades have started a new program focusing on fluency in reading thanks to a grant from Dollar General and Annemarie Schultheis; UPK went on a field trip to Iron Kettle; physical education teachers, with the help of occupational therapist Tyler Spires have developed lesson plans to include occupational therapy in physical education classes for UPK students.

Mr. Wood reported that homecoming was a huge success, thank you to Amanda for the amazing programs and coordination, Sam Rose and Alyssah Acosta did a fantastic job with the dance; on Monday an all call went out to 10th through 12th grade families about the PSAT's scheduled for next Wednesday the 13th; the Quiz Team will host a challenge match next Wednesday in the auditorium; students in our 8:1:1 class went to Stray Haven in Waverly to volunteer, it was very successful; our esports team is doing great; numbers are good for our winter sports teams, modified has started practices with games coming up soon; varsity football and volleyball are still playing in the postseason.

Mr. Roe reported that all areas that had construction work done are in the punch list phase, except for the roof where flashing still needs to be completed; ceiling tiles are being replaced now; the pumps for the waste water treatment plant are being rewired now and should be installed next week; installation of the kitchen serve line was poorly done, we will not be working with that company again; early aid requests have been submitted for the gear drive and clarifier, yesterday we received a denial for the gear drive and today we were notified to resubmit the request and it should be approved; area superintendents met regarding regionalization, this is being investigated as a way to best support students, not to combine schools.

Mr. Roe gave a brief presentation on phone free schools. The presentation included data and research regarding cell phone impact on students and learning.

Mr. Jim Wood left the meeting at 6:46pm

Mr. Roe's presentation continued with research done on implementation of phone free schools and the positive impact it has on students mentally and academically.

Mr. Jim Wood returned to the meeting at 6:48pm along with Mr. Michael Williams.

Mr. Roe concluded his presentation with an overview of the Yondr system for phone free schools.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

***Approval** of the board resolution pertaining to the Unit Cost Methodology for BOCES 2025-2026 Service as presented.*

7. FINANCIAL

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

Approval of the surplus bid awards as presented

Approval of the September 2024 Extraclassroom Report

Approval of the April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024, Claims Audit Report

Approval of the July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024, Claims Audit Report

Approval of the application for corrected tax roll for Tammy Schoonover property
135.00-2-13

Approval of the application for corrected tax roll for Tammy Schoonover property
135.00-2-11.30

8. PERSONNEL

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

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Paige Goble, resigning her food service helper position, pending her appointment to custodial worker. Paige's last day of service is retroactive to 10/20/24

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Stephanie Green, resigning her monitor position. Stephanie's last day of service is retroactive to 10/27/24

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Owen Kelso, resigning his Director of CSE position. Owen's last day of service will be December 4, 2024

Approval of the request for unpaid leave received under FMLA from Melissa Pettinato to begin November 21, 2024, through March 2, 2025. Melissa will use sick days from October 16, 2024, through November 20, 2024. Melissa plans to return to work on March 3, 2025

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Alice Hanbury, retiring from her position of Library Clerk, effective June 28, 2025. Alice's last day of service will be June 27, 2025. Alice has also requested payment of the unused sick days she has remaining after her last day of service, approximate number of sick days TBD closer to retirement date.

Approval of the following winter coaching appointments:

TIOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL
EXTRA-CURRICULAR SALARIES 2024/25
WINTER SPORTS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STEP	ACTIVITY	N/I	EXP	LEVEL	PERCENT	LONG	24/25
Desiree	Ford	Modified	Volleyball		41	3	6	2	4,148
Jack	Short	Modified	Basketball - Boys		8	3	6		3,111
Rachel	VanScoy	Modified	Volleyball		9	3	6		3,111
James	Houseknecht	Assistant	Basketball - Girls 2% Asst *		8	3	2		1,037
James	Walsh	Varsity	Wrestling - Girls		14	3	15	1	8,296
Stephanie	Hills	Varsity/JV	Basketball - Girls		10	3	15	1	8,296
Kris	Harrington	Varsity	Wrestling		8	3	15		7,778
Kathy	Pond	Varsity	Bowling		5	3	7		3,630
Lucas	Klossner	JV	Basketball - Boys		2	2	8		4,148
Jack	Short	Modified	Basketball - Girls		8	3	6		3,111
Connor	Huchinson	Varsity	Basketball - Boys		1	1	11		5,704
Ryan	MacWhinnie	Assistant	Wrestling (3%)		6	3	3		1,556
Tyler	Spjres	Modified	Wrestling		1	1	4		2,074
Arielle	Beebe	Modified	Basketball - Girls		1	1	4		2,074
Luke	Newman	Modified	Basketball - Boys		0	1	4		2,074
Alyssah	Acosta		Cheerleading - W		0	1	5		2,593
Emmett	Wood	Varsity Asst	Wrestling		0	1	7		3,630

Approval to grant Jennifer Parker two years of substitute credit toward tenure and change her expiration date of probationary appointment to August 31, 2026, per School Law 39th Edition 34:13

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Paige Goble

Civil Service Position: Custodial Worker

Probationary Service Begins: Retroactive to October 21, 2024

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: October 20, 2025

Name of Appointee: Cynthia Warren

Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper

Probationary Service Begins: November 7, 2024

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: November 6, 2025

Name of Appointee: Robert Rockwell

Civil Service Position: Custodial Worker

Probationary Service Begins: November 7, 2024

Expiration of Probationary Appointment: November 6, 2025

Name of Appointee: Michael Williams

Tenure Area: Administrator

Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: TBD

Expiration Date of Appointment: TBD*

Certification Status: School District Leader, Professional 6/7/2024

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

- *Jaime Card- Support Staff*
- *Michelle Place- Support Staff*

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 7:33pm 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 Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 8:00pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Robert Seymour, seconded by Gregory Schweiger and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk