

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2023

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member

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. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the November 1, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

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

The next Health Trust Consortium meeting will be held on February 23, 2024

Mrs. Cathi Root and Mrs. Kendra Seaver attended the Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting held on November 3, 2023 and reported that there was a quorum at the meeting; there was difficulty getting a trustee to hold the Deputy Presiding Trustee position; there are 6 component districts in the Alliance, Bainbridge-Guilford, CV, NV, Tioga, Unatego, and Greene, Deposit left the Alliance at the end of last year; the Alliance is fiscally strong, since BOCES left, the number of claims have decreased and Tioga's cost has decreased as well; a survey was started last year to determine if joining with another Alliance would be financially beneficial, the results of the

study showed that there does not appear to be any savings by joining another Alliance so the study was suspended, discussion on dissolution and consolidation will not continue.

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

Mr. Cook reported that winter sports have started; reports cards went home, 7th and 8th graders made good progress compared to the five-week reports and chronically absent students are still being monitored; the Middle School will be hosting a Winter Wonderland for PreK-8th grade students in December, several school clubs and sports teams will be providing activities for the kids to enjoy; the annual food drive and sweatshirt drive are also underway; thank you to the administration team for filling in while he was unexpectedly out for a few days.

Mrs. Camin reported that she had a mentor meeting today, teachers left with a turnkey listening activity for students that is low risk and will generate high participation.

Mrs. Bombard reported that report cards have gone home; only three chronic absentee letters and two chronic tardy letters were sent home for this marking period; Mr. Chuck Cornell visited classrooms to share a Veteran's Day presentation with students; the Tioga County mobile dental van is set up outside the elementary school until December 21st, many district families are taking advantage of this wonderful resource; 15 students will be participating in the National Honor Society's Big Brother/Sister program, members of National Honor Society have a room that they will be using as part of the program and have been spending time decorating the room; the Rankin family donated a special chair to the elementary school in honor of Paul and Maggie Reitz for all their years of teaching at and support of the district; 4th grade is organizing a "thank you" committee that will write and send special thank you notes to all of the generous supporters of Tioga Elementary for their donations; 3rd grade went on their annual field trip to the Roberson Museum; 1st grade went on a field trip to the Science Center; Maxi, the critical incident therapy dog made a special visit to PreK; the annual food drive has begun, all food collected will help support local families through the holiday season.

Mr. Wood reported that it has been a busy time in the High School; report cards have gone home, the high school staff has done a great job getting students on track and their work completed; on November 3rd, Corrine Hale, a current student, had a piano recital to raise funds for the upcoming Spanish Club trip; Faith Burrowes, a graduate, will be showcasing her photography in the High School cafeteria on November 18th, Mrs. Summer Chamberlain gave a Veteran's Day presentation to the High School students; Lexi Ward has been selected as part of Section 3 Area All-State Choir and will be part of the concert on February 3rd at 6pm in Ithaca; winter sports are gearing up, due to low participation numbers JV Girls Basketball and Cheerleading will be suspended for this year; FFA members will be going on a field trip to Tiffany Farms in Nichols where they will be judging beef cattle.

Mr. Roe remarked that it is heartwarming to know that you are surrounded by a team that can keep the district running smoothly in your absence. Mr. Roe also reported that the first bus feasibility study is complete and showed that all 15 of our normal bus runs can be done without charging in between the am and pm runs, even in the coldest of temperatures; the large gates at

the stadium will be installed this week; the track and field pit covers have been installed; the railing for the HS gym entrance was delivered today and returned due to damage, the railing is custom made so it will be 5-6 weeks before the new one is shipped; the Stronger Connections grant has been submitted, we hope to find out soon if we are awarded the grant.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Old/New Business Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the 2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates Program School Board Awareness Certification

Approval to declare the High School Vending Machine, asset tag 1857, scrap

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Financial Agenda as follows:

Approval of the October 2023 Extraclassroom Report

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval to rescind the following winter coaching appointment:

Lucas Klossner Modified Girls Basketball Exp 1 Level 1 4% \$1,992

Approval to modify Mikayla Short's appointed position of JV Girls Basketball Coach to Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (covering Modified Girls Basketball as well)

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

Ashley Struble- Support Staff (Cafeteria, Custodial, Monitor)

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 4-0 to enter executive session at 6:33pm 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 Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to return to public session at 6:57pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk