

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Robert Seymour, 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: Miss Madeleine Legas
Ms. Kristie Brewer

Absent: Mr. Owen Kelso, Director of CSE

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

Miss Madeleine Legas addressed the Board regarding questions and concerns she had on the potential changes to the cell phone guidelines in the high school. Mr. Joshua Roe answered Miss Legas's questions, responded to her concerns, and thanked her for addressing the Board.

Ms. Kristie Brewer addressed the Board regarding an issue with her child(ren) and the transportation department. Mrs. Cathi Root thanked Ms. Brewer and let her know that personnel matters are not discussed in public session, it will be discussed during executive session, and someone will contact her.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the November 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust Consortium, Workers' Compensation Alliance, other board reports, events, or updates.

Mr. Kelso was absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Bombard reported that student of concern meetings will be focused on 10-week report card concerns; a huge thank you to all of our building secretaries for getting report cards out on time, this was no small task with our new student management system; the annual food by weight contest has begun; thank you Lauren and Ashley for organizing and running the Krispy Kreme fundraiser, it was a huge success and raised enough money to send each grade, PreK through 4th on a field trip.

Mrs. Camin reported that report cards went home at the end of last week, 5th grade had 24 students on honor roll and 27 students on high honor roll, 6th grade had 32 students on honor roll and 24 students on high honor roll, 7th grade had 19 students on honor roll and 22 students on high honor roll, and 8th grade had 21 students on honor roll and 32 students on high honor roll; door decorating is under way in preparation for the 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland event being held on December 9th; the holiday food drive is underway; the Angel Tree is up in the main office.

Mrs. Cathi Root inquired if there was a way to help 8th grade students transition into 9th grade. Mrs. Camin and Mr. Wood will be working together to make a plan.

Mr. Wood reported that the number of freshmen failing one or more subjects at 10-weeks went down compared to the number at 5-weeks; clubs are underway, Mr. Gutierrez is in Waverly with the Quiz League club.

Ms. Kristie Brewer left the meeting at 6:16pm

Mr. Wood also reported that modified sports are underway; varsity volleyball will compete at the State Championship Tournament this weekend in Glens Falls, there will be a district wide send off tomorrow afternoon at 2:10pm.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked if there is still a problem with attendance. Mr. Wood answered that are still a few students that are chronically absent.

Mr. Roe reported that construction projects are winding down, there are a few change orders that are coming through; the early aid applications for the gear drive and clarifier have been resubmitted to the state; there was a meeting today with area CSO's and the NYS Department of Special Education regarding changes that will be happening based on new federal guidelines.

Mr. Roe gave a brief first look at State data results from 23-24.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Old/New Business Agenda as follows:

Approval of the Change Order Request for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project- Phase II-District Wide in the amount of \$12,777.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the October 2024 Extraclassroom Report
Approval of the October 2024 Treasurer's Report

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval to revoke the following appointments of Owen Kelso, with his last day of service being November 20, 2024:

Section 504 Coordinator of Rehabilitation Act
Director of Compensatory Programs
CSE Chairperson
CPSE Chairperson
Medicaid Compliance Officer

Approval to appoint Joshua Roe to the following, effective November 20, 2024, and until such time as the Board may revoke the appointment(s):

Section 504 Coordinator of Rehabilitation Act
Director of Compensatory Programs
CSE Chairperson
CPSE Chairperson
Medicaid Compliance Officer

Approval to update Michael Williams' probationary appointment to include December 9, 2024, as the date of commencement of probationary service and December 8, 2024, as the expiration date of appointment.

Approval to appoint Michael Williams to the following, effective December 9, 2028, and until such time as the Board may revoke the appointment(s):

Section 504 Coordinator of Rehabilitation Act
Director of Compensatory Programs
CSE Chairperson
CPSE Chairperson
Medicaid Compliance Officer

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Todd Birchard

Tenure Area: Special Education

*Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: retroactive to
November 2, 2024*

Expiration Date of Appointment: November 1, 2026***

***granted two years of substitute credit toward tenure,
per School Law 39th edition 34:13*

Certification Status: Students with Disabilities (Birth-2) Supplemental 11/2/2024

**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:

- *Abigail Johnson- Support Staff*
- *Caleb Platukis- Instructional Staff*

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter executive session at 6:45pm 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 Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 7:47pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk