

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
December 1, 2021

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent  
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal  
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal  
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Student Services  
Mr. Jacob Roe, HS Principal  
Mrs. Jill Reese

Absent: Mr. Joshua Whitmore, 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 Chris Klossner, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the November 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mrs. Meister explained that the students who have been visiting Catholic Charities twice a week are doing an amazing job and she has received nothing but positive comments. Mrs. Meister is in the process of scheduling annual reviews, with the option of in-person or virtual meetings. She has noticed more parent involvement when offering virtual option. CSE meetings this week have been on a positive note.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the food by weight contest has started and she is amazed by the public generosity; there is a Perfect Attendance for December Contest going on and there will

be prizes for those that achieve the goal; Gallery 41 in Owego will be showcasing elementary artists; the Dental Van is here and has seen 41 students so far; thank you to the Kithcart family for donating 20 tickets for students to attend the football game in Syracuse; Varsity players have quite an impact on our students and there are many posters and banners the students have created on display throughout the halls.

Mr. Cook stated that they are continuing discussions regarding academics and struggling students; Middle School staff is struggling with higher numbers of COVID quarantines; the Angel Tree and Canstruction are back again for the holiday season; there will be a Saturday Fun Day this weekend for Middle School students.

Mr. Jake Roe gave a shout out to Mrs. Bailey and her cheerleaders who came in over the weekend and decorated; Spirit day and a parade for the football team will be tomorrow; Tioga is offering a spectator bus for students on Friday, currently 34 students have signed up to ride, the bus will leave school at 9:45 am; the annual coin drive has started and there will be a prize for the winner, coins collected will go towards purchasing food for food boxes for needy families.

Mr. Josh Roe stated that yes, COVID is hitting the district hard in various departments, but Managers and Administrators have been making it work; after Thanksgiving break, we came back to a hot water/heating leak, but the maintenance department was able to get things back up and running; there have been some issues with parking during the youth practices, and cones will be going out to designate areas that are off limits to parking; lights for parking lots have been ordered, however, they are still on back order; work is being done to solve problems with pool temperature, pool roofing leaks and pool stairs; a plan has been submitted to the State and approved with regard to spending down the excess money in the Food Service Department; there will be a parade tomorrow for the Football Team and the District is offering a fan bus for students to attend the game on Friday in Syracuse; parents have also organized and paid for a charter bus to go to the game; lastly, much work is currently being done on Federal Grants for the district.

## **6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the reinstatement of Art Club as part of Extraclassroom.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

*Approval of the Substitute Wage list effective 12/31/21*

*Approval of the Meat and Cheese bid for period 1/1/22-2/28/22*

*Approval of the Tax Collector's Report*

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A MOTION was made by Chris Klossner, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

*Approval of the following additions to the substitute and volunteer listings:*

*Emma Roe – Instructional*

*Cassie Birney – Instructional*

*Kimberly Tarbox – Support Staff*

## **9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions/comments from the public.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:36 pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

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

## **11. ADJOURN**

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

Jill Reese  
Clerk