

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
December 2, 2020

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member (arrived at 6:03)
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mr. Scot Taylor, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. Of Pupil Services
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve Board Minutes dated November 18, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative or Health Trust.

Mr. Schweiger arrived.

Mrs. Seaver gave a brief update on Worker's Compensation stating that 2 districts have left the consortium and another is looking at leaving, their reasoning for this is mostly due to a cost savings. We have until March 1 to notify the consortium if we want to leave as well. We are currently looking at the pros and cons.

Mr. Roe reported that his entire senior class had to go remote on Tuesday while contact tracing was completed. After completing, only 24 students and 4 teachers have to remain in quarantine for Thursday and Friday. Covering for that many teachers is a difficult task but we are able to

handle it this time. In regards to the high number of failing students, we are working on the problem and trying to come up with a game plan. Honor Society and Student Council will be volunteering at Tioga Downs during the holiday season and Band and Chorus will be working on performing a holiday concert *of sorts!*

Mr. Cook stated that recently a teacher in his building has tested positive and in turn the class of 17 students had to quarantine. The students will be back in the building on December 8. Teachers in the Middle School are doing well at staying apart i.e. not scheduling grade level meetings, etc. After school study hall is going on for grades 5-8 and parental transportation is required. Currently there is a food drive/can contest going on as well as the Angel Tree, and a holiday concert if in the works. Mr. Cook encouraged any parents of remote learners to contact teachers directly when they have questions. Contact can be made in a number of ways, Google Classroom, teacher email, or call the school to leave a message.

Mrs. Bombard also mentioned that COVID has struck her building and it has affected 1 classroom and 2 teachers. Attendance letters went home and attendance has been better; we are celebrating our Top Tiger for November and we are in FULL holiday mode! The Food by Weight contest is going on until December 14, very impressed by our community generosity. Mr. MacDonald is rehearsing with and will be recording each classroom to put together a holiday music program.

Mrs. Keene reported that the CARES Act has been completed and submitted.

Mrs. Meister stated that several of her students in BOCES placements have had to go full remote and she is working with families to get what they need for remote work. New referrals have started. Gave a shout out to her secretary, Mary Cary for all of her hard work and thank you to the Administrators for helping out while she has been working remotely.

Mr. Taylor said Kudos to our Administrators, Dave Keene, Kristy Robertson, and David VanDusen and their crews for making things work during these challenging times; we will get a bunch of staff back next week.

Mrs. Seaver gave a brief discussion on what's happening in the business office; high level budget discussions have started; very little state aid information from the state; tax collection is complete and the tax collector's report is on the agenda to be approved tonight; ESSA reporting continues for the 2nd year, report is due 12/31/2020; and CBO is still on our radar, waiting on state aid picture before committing.

5. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Greg Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

Approval of the September 2020 Financial Report
Approval of the November 2020 Overtime Report
Approval of the Tax Collector's Report for 2020
Approval of the annual Employee Retirement System payment from the ERS Reserve Fund in the amount of \$246,058

6. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Greg Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the co-curricular positions for 2020-21 school year as follows:

Abbie Macumber/.5 MS Student Council	Exp-0	Level-1	\$339 (.75 year)
Jennifer Parker/.5 MS Student Council	Exp-0	Level-1	\$339 (.75 year)

7. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0, to approve CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations as presented.

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There were NO questions/comments from the public.

9. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk