

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Robert Seymour, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member arrived at 6:02pm

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:

Absent: Mr. Owen Kelso, Director of CSE
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, arrived at 6:02pm

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 Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the November 20, 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. Camin reported that 5th grade is in their first year using the team-teaching approach that has been very successful in 6th grade, two 5th grade teachers are paired up, one teaches ELA and Science while the other teaches Math and Social Studies.

Mr. Scot Taylor arrived at 6:02pm.

Mrs. Camin stated that the 5th grade teachers are enjoying working as a team and getting to know more students at a deeper level, a slight adjustment to the afternoon schedule has been made to maximize classroom and teaching time; plans have been finalized for the 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland event being held next Monday, every part of the middle school will be used by volunteers from each building; the Middle School Holiday Concert is scheduled for next Wednesday, 12/11 at 7pm in the auditorium.

Mrs. Bombard reported that Jen's Diner in Nichols held a coat drive and donated 55 new coats to the Elementary School, thank you to Jen and the community for your generosity; last Tuesday we celebrated our Top Tigers and 134 students with perfect attendance since October's Top Tiger assembly; the Kindergarten students put on an ABC fashion show during the assembly, they have been taking part in an ABC boot camp and each student dressed as a letter for the fashion show; last week our 4th graders gave their annual performance of The Emperor's New Clothes, each classroom did a fantastic job; the Elementary Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday, 12/19 in the middle school auditorium, PreK-1st grade will be at 9:15am, followed by 4th, 3rd, and 2nd grades at 10:30am; this month newsletters from elementary school and middle school have been posted to the school website and on social media, the plan is to post a newsletter each month.

Mrs. Cathi Root asked how the Food by Weight collection was going. Mrs. Bombard answered that there are less donations compared to last year, but there are still a few more days left to donate.

Mr. Wood reported that the 6th grade team has stepped up in a big way to support the modified boys basketball program, two teachers are coaching the team, one teacher is the scorekeeper and the fourth teacher is the bookkeeper; the varsity boys soccer team and the varsity field hockey team were both awarded the sportsmanship award through the IAC; all of our fall sports teams have received the Scholar Athlete Award, to achieve this award 75% of the team must have an average of 90 or above; modified basketball and volleyball will end their seasons on December 20th; Winter Spirit Week will be held 12/16 through 12/20; the High School Holiday Concert will be on December 18th at 7:00pm in the auditorium; on December 19th at 5:00pm in the high school cafeteria there will be a parent/student meeting regarding the upcoming changes to the high school cell phone policy. Mr. Wood also gave a brief presentation on the upcoming changes to the high school cell phone policy that included important dates, implementation procedures, and an overview of the progressive discipline policy that will be followed.

Mr. Roe reported that the early aid application was submitted and approved, thank you to Kendra; the new Director of CSE, Michael Williams starts on Monday, thank you to Mary, Bill, Beth, Dan, and Mary Grace for all of their hard work in the interim; the state has approved Phase II of the Turf Project which will include new LED lighting at the stadium and new High School scoreboards; the upgrade to the water softener has been approved through the current project and will be installed through Kimble; Carousel Digital Signage will be used in each building through a centrally located monitor and the district website to keep staff, students, and parents updated on current happenings and upcoming events.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Old/New Business Agenda Item A as follows:

Approval of the reinstatement of the Cheer Club under the Extraclassroom Activity Fund

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to **table** Old/New Business Agenda Item B, creation of Guidance Counselor position, pending further discussion in Executive Session.

7. FINANCIAL

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

Approval of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for the Stadium Turf and Track Project- Phase II as follows:

- MUSCO- \$334,879.00
- Toth's Sports- \$29,500.00

Approval of the 2024 Tax Collector's Report

Approval to advertise for fuel bids for the 2025-2026 and/or 2026-2027 school years

8. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Robert Seymour, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the following permanent appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Kathy Pond

Civil Service Position: Bus Driver (4.0-hour Special Run, BOCES)

Probationary Service Period: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Permanent Appointment Date: Retroactive to September 1, 2024

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Kathryn Mayer

Civil Service Position: Bus Driver (3.5-hour Special Run, BOCES)

Probationary Service Begins: Retroactive to December 2, 2024

Expiration Date of Probationary Appointment: December 1, 2025

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

- *Levi Bellis- Coach*
- *Summer Stuter- Coach*
- *Sky Romano- Coach*

Approval of the following addition(s) to the substitute list(s) for the 24-25 school year:

- *Jenna Miner- Support Staff and Instructional Staff*

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 5-0 to enter executive session at 7:01pm 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 Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:55pm.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to OLD/NEW BUSINESS

11. RETURN TO OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the creation of Guidance Counselor position.

12. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk