

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 7, 2022**

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

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, Director of Instruction  
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal  
Mr. Willard Cook, MS Principal  
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Director of Pupil Services  
Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, HS Dean of Students  
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive arrived at 6:09pm  
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others: Mrs. Sue Conden  
Miss Felicia Lantz  
Ms. Margret Garrity  
Mr. Justin Lantz  
Mr. Erik Gillette  
Ms. Rebecca Stone, District Superintendent BTBOCES arrived at 6:09pm

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
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**

Mr. Erik Gillette addressed the board regarding an incident in the high school involving his daughter and other students. Mr. Joshua Roe addressed the questions asked by Mr. Gillette and asked that he set up an appointment to meet in person to discuss further.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the November 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

## 5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Cathi Root reported that she attended the President/Vice President meeting for area board members, at the meeting there was a discussion regarding the shortage of bus drivers and how schools are managing; Broome County schools are collecting donated food cans that they are designing artwork with, after the designs are judged, the food is donated to Broome County food pantries, Mrs. Root reported that our students do this as well, but all food is used to fill holiday boxes for district families.

Ms. Rebecca Stone and Mrs. Kendra Seaver arrived at 6:09 pm

Ms. Rebecca Stone gave a presentation to the board on what BTBOCES has to offer at the district and student levels; Miss Felicia Lantz, a Tioga student, spoke about the Advanced Health Science II class that she is currently enrolled in at BOCES, what she has learned, the clinical she will be doing at an assisted living nursing home, and that she will graduate as a certified nurse's assistant at the end of the program this school year; Ms. Stone concluded her presentation discussing the three jobs her position includes, CEO of BOCES, working with all of the component school districts in BTBOCES, and NYSED representative to learn what the state is working on and take district concerns to the state level. Mrs. Kristy Robertson will pass Ms. Stone's contact information on to all of the board members.

There was nothing to report for Legislative, Health Trust Consortium, or Workers' Compensation Alliance.

Mrs. Cathi Root finished her report by stating that she is glad to be a part of Tioga after hearing other board presidents/vice presidents discuss issues they are dealing with in their districts.

Mrs. Kendra Seaver walked Ms. Rebecca Stone out at 6:28 pm

Mrs. Meister reported that the work plan component of the Office of Mental Health grant is due Friday, there is one section left to complete; CPSE observations are being done for students that will transition to CSE next school year, some students will have very high needs.

Mr. Cook reported that the door decorating contest is underway as well as the can food drive and can design project; the holiday concert is next Wednesday, 12/14; 7<sup>th</sup> grade visited the Cider Mill to watch the play A Christmas Carol; the junior high challenge team has started practicing; spirit week will be December 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Camin will be going to Women in Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin.

Mrs. Kendra Seaver returned to the meeting at 6:31 pm

Mrs. Camin reported that she will be taking 15 middle school girls to the Women in Engineering event at Lockheed Martin this Friday.

Mrs. Bombard reported that December has begun and the kids are very excited; the holiday concert will be on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Pre/K/1<sup>st</sup> grades will be at 9:15 am, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> will be at 10:30 am; the food by weight contest is in full swing and will end on Friday with the winning class getting a pizza party; there is a lot of sickness going through the school, the flu, stomach bug, and strep are hitting staff and students; last Friday at lunch, students enjoyed music performed by the Tri-M Music Honor Society band; Daisy will be heading off to a spa day at the BTBOCES animal science lab soon.

Mr. Isaacs reported that he was able to see the Tri-M Music Honor Society concert at the elementary school and it is a great way to get younger students excited to join band; the high school holiday concert is at 7pm this evening; there will be a high school spirit week 12/19-12/22 and holiday baskets will be handed out to district families that week also; college music appreciation class will be performing on 12/19 at lunch; on Tuesday 12/20 the Tri-M Music Honor Society will perform an afternoon concert at the Nichols Presbyterian Church at 1pm; after the first quarter mark the following percentages of students in each grade level were on honor or high honor roll, freshman 71%, sophomores 65%, juniors 80%, and seniors 82% .

Mr. Roe congratulated the football team on winning their second straight state championship, it was a great game, there was a parade to welcome the team home and a ceremony in the high school gym, thank you to Ryan and Michelle Bombard for being the DJ and MC of the celebration; all of the fall varsity sports teams earned scholar athlete team recognition from NYS, at least 75% of the roster for each team had a 90 GPA or higher; the town of Tioga inquired about purchasing land from the district, all board members agreed that selling land would not be in the best interest of the district at this time; other districts have recommended a grant writing firm, the board is ok with moving forward with the firm and having them apply for the COPS Grant in late February/early March to try to secure funding for a SRO; the district continues to battle sickness in staff and students.

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

## **7. FINANCIAL**

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

*Approval of the Food Service Paper Bid for 1/1/2023 - 6/30/2023*

*Approval of the Tax Collector's Report*

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda Items A-E as follows:

*A. Rescind the appointment of Lucas Klossner as Modified Girls Basketball Coach*

**B. Approval of the following co-curricular appointments:**

*Art Club- Laura Santobuono  
HS Game Club- Eric Shay  
Robotics- Adam Layman*

**C. Approval of the following addition(s) to the sub list(s):**

*Jacqueline Medovich- Instructional Staff effective 12/7/2022 and  
LTS for Special Education (Elementary) effective 1/1/2023  
Jacob Sickler- Instructional Staff  
Molly Bombard- Instructional & Support Staff (Monitor &  
Clerical/Office Staff)  
Julia Bellis- Instructional & Support Staff (Monitor)  
Brooke Wilkins- Support Staff (Cafeteria)*

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

*Danelle Wheaton- PreK/Tioga Elementary  
Brandon MacWhinnie- Volunteer Coach for Girls Wrestling  
Nick Klossner- Volunteer Coach for Boys Basketball*

**E. Approval of the permanent appointment of Justin Williams as Head Mechanic retroactive to 11/10/2022**

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda Item F as follows:

**F. Approval of the permanent appointment of Amanda Forrest- Monitor**

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

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:56 pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Lee Wood, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:22 pm.

## **11. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Kristy Robertson  
Clerk