

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2021

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President  
Mr. Chris Klossner, Member  
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member  
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, 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. Aaron Lounsbury, Member  
Mrs. Lee Wood, 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 Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Greg Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the December 1, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

There is a Legislative meeting scheduled for January 5, however, Mrs. Zwierlein is unable to attend due to a board meeting on the same night. She is planning on attending the Legislative Breakfast on February 4. There was nothing to report for Health Trust or Workers' Comp.

Mrs. Meister explained that she has been busy certifying data reports. She has had several new referrals for CPSE, all with very significant needs. These children are 3 years old now so there is

time to plan ahead on options for additional programs/classrooms that will be needed in the future.

Mr. Cook stated that there was a Saturday Fun Day for Middle School students that happened earlier in December. There was a good turnout, many volunteers to help and fun activities for the students. The 2<sup>nd</sup> benchmarking shows encouraging data; progress reports go out next week and he will be continuing to reach out to parents of those students who are struggling.

Mrs. Bombard reported that the holidays are in full swing in the elementary; over 2,000 pounds of food was donated which is an incredible amount; many local organizations have also donated with cash, gift cards or otherwise, an amazing show of support; this Saturday the Senior Class will host an Elementary Fun Day for grades UPK – 4 students from 9-1 for \$10/student for parents to drop off children, many fun activities planned; the attendance incentive project has been hard due to the amount of pandemic related absences, we will have another goal in place after the holidays; progress reports go home on Monday, much credit to the teachers in all buildings for their incredible work they do with all the in-person and remote students we have due to quarantines.

Mrs. Root added that she is incredibly proud of our school and what we do.

Mr. Jake Roe stated that the HS is getting hit hard with Covid, he had 10 teachers out on Monday for varying reasons; Junior class won the coin drive competition, and the prize will be a new hair color for the principal! The \$1,400 raised was spent on more food supplies for the food boxes and everything was boxed up today and will be handed out to families beginning tomorrow; we are also receiving 20-\$100 gift cards for needy families, donated locally by “Cops 4 a Cause.”

Mr. Josh Roe reiterated that yes, we are getting whacked hard in all departments, luckily college students are home and have been able to help out as subs, thank you also to Beth and Renee for helping out in the cafeteria. Congratulations to J. Walsh for signing with Walsh University for their Track and Field program. Congratulations to the Football team for bringing home their second State Title. Winter sports have now started up. Lastly a big thank you to Dave Keene’s maintenance crew for working hard on recent pool, lighting, and plumbing issues.

## **6. FINANCIAL**

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

***Approval of the November 2021 Claims Auditor Report***

***Approval of the July 2021 Financial Report***

***Approval of the November 2021 Extraclassroom Report***

***Approval of the Bus Lease Request received from Animal Aholics for travel to the PA Farm Show in January***

***Approval to pay the annual ERS bill out of the ERS Reserve Fund in the amount of \$288,976***

**Approval of the following bus bond resolutions:**

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, State of New York, in the County of Tioga, New York, hereby authorizes and directs the President of the Board of Education to issue a Statutory Installment Bond to Tioga State Bank, 1 Main Street, Spencer, N.Y. in the amount of \$275,435.72 for the purpose of payment for Bus #180 and Bus #181 purchased from Matthews Buses, Inc. at a price of \$137,717.86 each. Interest rate to be 1.60%, date of issue is December 28, 2021, for a period of five years with an annualized payment of principal and semi-annual of interest.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is hereby determined that the probable period of use for School Buses is five (5) years, as prescribed by Local Finance Law 32:00-4.*

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, State of New York, in the County of Tioga, New York, hereby authorizes the Treasurer of the Tioga Central School District to make payment as follows: To Matthews Buses, Inc., 2900 Route 9, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, for Bus #180 billed on Invoice #TBD in the amount of \$137,717.86, and for Bus #181 billed on Invoice #TBD in the amount of \$137,717.86 as authorized by Purchase Order No. 2122331 dated November 30, 2021, as per specifications outlined in such Purchase Order for the total amount of \$275,435.72 from the proceeds of a Statutory Bond issued on December 28, 2021, from Tioga State Bank.*

## **7. PERSONNEL**

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

**Approval of the following addition(s) to the Support/Instructional Sub Lists:**

- Daniel Shipman – Instructional and Support
- Marguerite Engelbert – Instructional
- Beth Bailey – Support
- Madalyn Dydynski – Instructional and Support
- Cole Williams – Support

## **8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions/comments from the public.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter executive session at 6:25 pm to discuss CSE/CPSE/504 matters.

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

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:18 pm.

## **10. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Chris Klossner, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Jill Reese  
Clerk