

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2024

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Robert Seymour, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member arrived at 6:18pm
Mrs. Lee Wood, Member

Adm./Others: Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent arrived at 6:03pm
Mrs. Mary Grace Camin, MS Principal
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, ES Principal
Mr. Michael Williams, Director of CSE arrived at 6:03pm
Mr. James Wood, Interim HS Principal
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Business Executive
Mrs. Kristy Robertson, Clerk

Others:

Absent: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent arrived at 6:03pm
Mr. Michael Williams, Director of CSE arrived at 6:03pm
Mr. Scot Taylor, arrived at 6:18pm

Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent stepped out of the meeting room to meet with the custodial staff regarding the weather changing and watching for the possibility of ice.

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 Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the December 4, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The next Legislative Committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00pm.

There was nothing to report for Health Trust Consortium, Workers' Compensation Alliance, other board reports, events, or updates.

Mr. Joshua Roe, Superintendent and Mr. Michael Williams, Director of CSE arrived at 6:03pm

Mrs. Camin reported that the Middle School is full of celebration, the annual Angel Tree is up and teachers have purchased clothing items for students in need; the Holiday Concert was last Wednesday and families came to support their 5th through 8th graders as they performed the music they have been practicing since mid-September; the 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland event was a huge success, although it is held in the Middle School it is a district-wide effort that included many fun activities for our families, thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Mrs. Bombard reported that this year's food by weight event was very successful with over 1,000 pounds of food donated, several local organizations donated gifts, and families started picking up their holiday food boxes and gifts today; five week reports went home last week, plans have been made to give students extra support that need it; the annual Holiday Concert will be tomorrow in the auditorium, PreK, 1st, and 2nd grades will perform at 9:15am and 4th, 3rd, and 2nd grades (in that order because of the lunch schedule) will perform at 10:30am, all students went to the auditorium today for practice; Friday we will celebrate the December Top Tigers and students with perfect attendance for the month.

Mr. Williams reported that he is on his 8th day here at Tioga, getting to know his new role and meeting staff and students, everyone has been so welcoming; there have been two full days of meetings and one off-site meeting that he has attended.

Mr. Wood reported that 15-week reports have been sent out, freshman grades have dropped off and plans have been made to help them improve; thank you to Michael Williams for the wonderful job he did with all 8 of the CSE meetings held today for high school students, he has jumped right into the job and is doing great; members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society went to the Tioga Center Methodist Church this week to enjoy a luncheon and conversation with church members before presenting a performance of holiday music; the High School Holiday Concert is this evening; Miss Acosta and Miss Rose along with a few students went to Price Chopper to shop for the food baskets with the money raised by high school students and staff, the district is able to provide for 24 families this year thanks to efforts of all three buildings, a big thank you to the office staff in all buildings for their hard work organizing and the Owego Nazarene Church for donating most of the turkeys; modified basketball and volleyball seasons will end tomorrow; junior varsity and varsity winter sports are underway, currently both the boys and girls basketball teams have a 500 record.

Mr. Wood also shared that Newell Butler a lifelong resident of Nichols recently passed away. Mr. Butler loved music and connected with Mr. Alexander to discuss all things music before his passing. Mr. Alexander left a lasting impression on Mr. Butler who, upon his passing left funds

to create a music scholarship that will be awarded annually for the next 20 years to one band and one chorus member, in the amount of \$1,000 each. The music department and the district are in awe of this donation and very thankful for Mr. Butler's generosity.

Mr. Scot Taylor, Member arrived at 6:18pm

Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein asked if the district is ready for the parent Yondr presentation scheduled for tomorrow night.

Mr. Joshua Roe replied that there have not been any questions asked through the online form that is on the district website. The presentation is ready, and he looks forward to addressing any concerns or questions parents may have.

Mr. Roe reported that capital project work will continue over the holiday break and the new water softener may be installed; 14 of the 15 CSO's from BTBOCES met at Cornell for a retreat and regionalization was discussed; during a meeting to discuss the OMH grant, student attendance was discussed, the Office for Mental Health in Tioga and Tompkins counties just created a new initiative to help address this issue and will be reaching out with more information; the student climate seems to be in a different place right now compared to past years, the kids are in a good place, Mr. Michael Williams seconded this and stated that he is very impressed with our students and how outgoing and welcoming they have been.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Lee Wood seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Old/New Business Agenda Item A as follows:

Approval of the following resolution to authorize the RIC One Risk Operation Center (the ROC) to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors on behalf of the district:

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations

(collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Tioga Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tioga Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

7. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the November 2024 Extraclassroom Report

Approval of the November 2024 Treasurer's Report

Approval to declare vehicle C12 as scrap for disposal

Approval of the bus lease request received from Animal Aholics for travel to the Harrisburg Farm Show in January

8. PERSONNEL

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

Acceptance and approval of the letter received from Renee Wainwright, retiring from her position of Accounts Payable (Office Specialist I). Renee's last day of service will be March 31, 2025. Renee has also requested payment of the unused sick days she has remaining after her last day of service, approximately 100 days.

Approval to revoke the following appointments of Joshua Roe, with his last day of service being retroactive to December 9, 2024:

Section 504 Coordinator of Rehabilitation Act

Director of Compensatory Programs

CSE Chairperson

CPSE Chairperson

Medicaid Compliance Officer

Approval to change Todd Birchard's expiration date of probationary appointment from August 31, 2026, to November 1, 2026

Approval of the following probationary appointment(s):

Name of Appointee: Taylor Robertson

Civil Service Position: Office Specialist I

Probationary Service Begins: January 6, 2025

Expiration Date of Probationary Appointment: January 5, 2026

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger and carried by a vote of 6-0 to enter executive session at 6:35pm 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 Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Robert Seymour, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to public session at 6:54pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Lee Wood and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm.

Kristy Robertson
Clerk