

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Board Room
December 19, 2018

Present: Mr. Ryan Bombard, President
Mrs. Tamara Booser, Member
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, Member
Mrs. Maureen Zorn, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Member

Adm./Others: Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mr. Willard Cook, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, UPK Principal
Mr. Joshua Roe, High School Principal
Mrs. Diane Tavelli, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk

Others: Program Committee Members:
Nick Aiello, Whitney Romero, Jenna Stedje, Judy Taylor

Absent: Mr. Shane Mills, Vice-President
Mrs. LuEllen Hoyt, Elementary School Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bombard called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated December 3, 2018 for the Regular Meeting at presented.

4. REPORTS

Legislative – NTR

Health Trust Consortium – NTR

Workers' Compensation Alliance – NTR

Other Board Comments – NTR

Administrators' Reports

Mr. Cook – Progress reports went home on Monday; MS Holiday concert was a couple weeks ago; Fun Night was last week; Modified Winter sports are wrapping up; Currently have a Christmas Door Contest going on and Friday 5/6 grades will end the week with holiday festivities.

Mr. Roe – Thank you to our wonderful staff and students, together we raised \$1500 to \$1800 that helped 22 families in need this Christmas season; Sweethearts and Heroes Program came this week, very inspirational to all, kid really enjoyed it; a letter will be going home with students for parents regarding vaping, etc.; Winter spirit week is currently going on; and former student Sarah Wayson (2011) visited Tioga today and spoke with Seniors.

Mrs. Tavelli – Took a tour of BOCES last week with Dr. Hamilton

Mrs. Keene – Monday the preschoolers did crafts, parents were invited to attend; today was their holiday concert which was very well attended; Thursday we will be making gingerbread houses.

Superintendent's Report

Sweethearts and Heroes

On Thursday, December 13th Mr. Tom Murphy and Retired Sergeant Rick Yarosh were on-campus delivering their anti-bullying program “Sweethearts and Heroes”. They gave three wonderful presentations specifically tailored to elementary, middle, and high-school students over the course of the day. When they weren't on stage, they were in the cafeteria talking with staff and students to answer questions and spread the message of helping others by being a Sweetheart and a Hero. There are many presentations and programs out there designed to address bullying, empathy, and self-esteem. This program was, by far, the most effective I have ever seen. Mr. Murphy and Sergeant Yarosh gave the students concrete actions they could take to help their peers. Josh Roe is coordinating with their organization and our administration to see how we can keep the lessons we all learned at the front of our minds, hearts, and actions.

Capital Project

There have been some recent issues with our new VOIP / Verizon phone service that rerouted some numbers to AT&T but things appear to be functioning as expected now. There will be a district-wide shut down of internet, phone, and card access systems on December 26, 27 and 28. Tech experts from Tioga, BOCES, and our contractors will completely rebuild our network operation center (NOC), the heart of all our internet systems, over these three days.

The fire alarms are operational, but still missing some hardware and software components. These components are scheduled to be fully installed and tested over the holiday break. We are looking to have the PA system fully installed before January as well.

Contractors continue to work through the punch lists developed by Hunt and Hulburt in collaboration with our administrative and management team. Some final work on the exterior such as re-surfacing the vertical concrete at the High School entrance are on hold until the warmer weather returns.

Holidays

It is always a busy time in the schools as we get closer to the holidays but one thing that remains the same is the caring spirit of Tioga! The school concerts have been wonderful - The parties are

a ton of fun - But the truly wonderful thing is how our students and staff reach out to those in need. Whether it's bell-ringing at Tioga Downs, CCNN's Holiday Share-a-Thon, or holiday food baskets- you can bet our staff and students will always be there to help!

Program Committee Report

Teachers from the PK-12 ELA and Social Studies Program Committees were in attendance and shared their work and reflections from the work they've done to align our curriculum across the district. There was a brief overview presentation followed by time for questions and answers.

Program Committee Members all left.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to rescind prior policies 5510 through 5574 in full and adopt the newly proposed policies 5510 through 5574.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to review policies 5610 through 5675 for any possible amendments and to place them on the January 2, 2019 meeting agenda for adoption.

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve *Consent Agenda* items 5A through E as follows:

Accept and approve November 2018 Claims Auditor Report

Accept and approve November 2018 Extraclassroom Report

Accept and approve the Substitute Wage list effective 12/3/2018

Accept and approve the Bus Lease Request form received from Justin Williams to transport the 4H Club to the Farm Show on January 5, 2019.

7. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the CSE/CPSE/504 recommendations as presented.

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to recess for Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

Administrators and Clerk left at 7:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to return to regular session at 9:48 p.m.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Cathi Root, seconded by Maureen Zorn, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Jill Reese
District Clerk