

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium

"Sentinels for Excellence"

AGENDA

Members Present:

Mark Russell
 Erik Leerkes
 James Wells, Sr.

Tracey Cross-Baker
 Seanna Porter
 John Dreimiller

Eric Rich
 Robert Dedrick, Sr.
 Lynne Lenhart

Call to Order

Emergency Evacuation Instructions

Pledge of Allegiance

Upcoming Events

Nov. 21	No School for Students - Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 22-25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	Downtown Caroling
Dec. 8	Kiwanis Luncheon
Dec. 8	Elementary Winter Concert
Dec. 14	Family Paint & Snack
Dec. 20	Regular Board of Education Meeting
Dec. 23	Early Dismissal - Emergency Drill
Dec. 26-Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

Recommend the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items 1 through and including 8;

1. **Agenda as Stands**
 - 1.1. November 15, 2022
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. October 18, 2022 (Enc.)
 - 2.2. November 2, 2022 (Enc.)
3. **Schedule of Bills (Enc.)**
4. **Graduate Hours Accrued by a Teacher in Accordance with Board Policy 4141.1 (Enc.)**
5. **School District Tax Collector's Report (Enc.)**
6. **CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations (Enc.) (Enc.)**
7. **Donation/Grant**
 - 7.1. \$150 to the Cafeteria Fund from First United Methodist Church
 - 7.2. \$500 for Scholarship Support of Leadership Summit America from Stewart's Shops
 - 7.3. Multiple Weight Room Items (approximate value of \$400) from Jay Fortino
 - 7.4. \$4,250 to the Backpack Program from Pearsall Foundation Adirondack Foundation Inc.
8. **Personnel (Enc.)**
 - 8.1. **Abolishment of Position**
 - 8.1.1. Teaching Assistant - Meegan Shaw (least senior) - Exceeded Effective October 21, 2022

- 8.2. **Appointments**
 8.2.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Sabrina Ross as a Cleaner upon the successful completion of his probationary appointment effective November 9, 2022.
- 8.3. **Leave Request**
 8.3.1. Taylor Bolton (Cleaner) requests a paid leave, to be paid from sick/ personal time if available, under Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 20, 2022 through approximately December 1, 2022, pending a physician's release.
 8.3.2. Gary Olcott (Director of Facilities) requests a paid leave, to be paid from sick/ personal time if available, under Family Medical Leave Act beginning December 1, 2022 through approximately January 12, 2023, pending a physician's release.
- 8.4. **Probationary Appointments**
 8.4.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Meegan Shaw is hereby appointed to a Teacher Aide for a probationary period commencing on October 24, 2022. Salary for the 2022-2023 school year is \$15,084 (to be prorated) based on Step 1.
- 8.5. **Coaches 2022-2023**
 8.5.1. Volunteer Indoor Track Coach - Eric Rich
- 8.6. **Substitute/Temp On Call Employee**
 8.6.1. Abigail Young - Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Teacher Aide
 8.6.2. Macayla Gordon - Teaching Assistant, Teacher Aide
 8.6.3. Emily Patnode - Teaching Assistant, Teacher Aide

MOTION _____ SECONDED _____ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

New Business

9. **Accept and Award Bid**
 Acknowledge and approve the bid results associated with the competitive bid for a 28-Passenger Chevrolet, Trans Tech School Bus, opened on November 8, 2022, awarding the bid to Leonard Bus Sales Inc. in the amount of \$69,755.15

MOTION _____ SECONDED _____ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

10. **Policies for Adoption**
 10.1. **Policy 7000 Facilities Development Goals (Enc.)**
 Review 10/18/22, Adopt Policy 11/15/22

MOTION _____ SECONDED _____ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

Concluding Reports and Remarks

11. **Superintendent's Reports/Remarks**
 Superintendent's Update - Cynthia Ford-Johnston
 Operations & Maintenance Report (Enc.)
 Technology Report (Enc.)
 Transportation/Grounds Report (Enc.)
 JSHS Activities Report (Enc.)
 Elementary School Activities Report (Enc.)

12. **Board Discussion**
 The Board of Education yearbook picture will be at the November meeting

Public Participation

Executive Session

To enter into Executive Session at _____ for discussion on: Employment History of a Particular Person(s), Negotiations or Pending Litigation.

MOTION _____ SECONDED _____ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

Informational Items

- Superintendent Search Update - Dr. Mark Davey

Reconvene

Reconvene regular session at _____

MOTION _____ SECONDED _____ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at _____

MOTION _____ SECONDED _____ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium

"Sentinels for Excellence"

MINUTES

Members Present:

Erik Leerkes	John Dreimiller	Tracey Cross-Baker
Lynne Lenhart	Eric Rich	Seanna Porter
Robert Dedrick		

Members Absent:

Mark Russell	James Wells, Sr.
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Others Present:

Cynthia Ford-Johnston	Josh Cook	Evan Mack
Erin Hamel	John Woods	Dr. Davey
Matt & Laurie Cossey	Maria Bagneschi	Kameron Vigliotti
Jeff Kryzpkowski	Joe Defayette	Quentin Gargan
Scott Nephew	Megan Walls	Hayden Frasier
Mike Iturrino		

Call to Order by Vice President Erik Leerkes at 6:00 p.m.

Emergency Evacuation Instructions

Pledge of Allegiance

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1	Early Dismissal - Safety Training for Staff
Nov. 2	Jr. Sr. High School Picture Day
Nov. 3	Elementary School Picture Day
Nov. 6	Daylight Savings Ends
Nov. 15	Regular Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 21	No School for Students - Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 22-25	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Informational Items

- Superintendent Search - Dr. Mark Davey
- School Board Recognition Week - Cynthia Ford-Johnston

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, to approve the consent agenda items 1 through and including 10;

1. **Agenda as Stands**
 - 1.1. October 18, 2022
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. September 20, 2022 (Enc.)
3. **Treasurer's Report (Enc.)**
4. **Schedule of Bills (Enc.)**
5. **Extra Classroom Activities Fund Report (Enc.)**
6. **Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report submitted by Telling and Associates, CPA PC. for the year ended June 30, 2022 (Enc.)**
7. **District Corrective Action Plan for the year ending audit dated June 30, 2022 (Enc.)**
8. **CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations (Enc.)**
9. **Donation/Grant**
 - 9.1. \$1,000 to the Robert Palandrani Scholarship from Snug Harbor, Inc.
 - 9.2. \$1,000 to the Robert Palandrani Scholarship from Snug Harbor South, Inc.
 - 9.3. \$250 to Paint & Snack from the Ticonderoga Alumni Association (Sentinel Support Fund)
 - 9.4. \$10,000 to the DiFebbo Education Fund from T & J DiFebbo Educational Foundation
10. **Personnel (Enc.) (Enc.)**
 - 10.1. **Resignation**
 - 10.1.1. **Todd Fish** - Groundskeeper/Cleaner - Effective October 28, 2022

- 10.2. **Appointments**
 10.2.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Kevin Signor, as a Custodian upon the successful completion of his probationary appointment effective November 9, 2022.
- 10.3. **Leave Request**
 10.3.1. Julie Charboneau (Nurse) requests a paid intermittent leave, to be paid from sick/ personal time if available, under Family Medical Leave Act, for the 2022-2023 school year.
 10.3.2. Tracy Price (Chairperson of Special Services) requests a paid intermittent leave, to be paid from sick/ personal time if available, under Family Medical Leave Act, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 10.4. **Probationary Appointments**
 10.4.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Athony Wolfe is hereby appointed to a Teacher Aide for a probationary period commencing on October 19, 2022. Salary for the 2022-2023 school year is \$15,084 (to be prorated) based on Step 1.
 10.4.2. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Adrianna Wolfe is hereby appointed to a Part-time Teacher Aide (St. Mary's) for a probationary period commencing on October 19, 2022. Salary for the 2022-2023 school year is \$13,827 (to be prorated) based on Step 1.
- 10.5. **Advisors 2022-2023**
 10.5.1. One Act Play Director - Kyle Lang
- 10.6. **District Volunteer Drivers for the 2022-2023 School Year**
 10.6.1. Gerald Hmura

Motion Carried: 7-0

New Business

11. **Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements for Solar Energy Systems (Enc.) (Enc.)**
 MOTION BY MRS. LENHART, SECONDED BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, to authorize the Interim Superintendent to sign enclosed agreements.
Motion Carried: 7-0
12. **Annual District Wide Goals (Enc.)**
 MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to adopt the enclosed Annual District Wide Goals for the 2022-2023 School Year.
Motion Carried: 7-0
13. **Policies for Review**
 13.1. **Policy 7000 Facilities Development Goals (Enc.)**
 Review 10/18/22, Adopt Policy 11/15/22

Concluding Reports and Remarks

14. **Superintendent's Reports/Remarks**
 Superintendent's Update - Cynthia Ford-Johnston (Enc.)
 Operations & Maintenance Report (Enc.)
 Technology Report (Enc.)
 Transportation/Grounds Report (Enc.)
 JSHS Activities Report (Enc.)
 Elementary School Activities Report (Enc.)
15. **Board Discussion**
- The Board of Education yearbook picture will be at the November meeting
 - Discussion on Portico - Mrs. Ford-Johnston

Public Participation

- John Woods spoke regarding the Portico
- We are Instrumental Fieldtrip to Skidmore
- Recognize the Seniors that are in attendance

Executive Session

MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to enter into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for discussion on: Employment History of a Particular Person(s) and Pending Litigation.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Reconvene

MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MRS. LENHART, to reconvene regular session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Adjournment

MOTION BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Motion Carried: 7-0

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
Superintendent's Office

"Sentinels for Excellence"

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mark Russell	John Dreimiller	Seanna Porter
Robert Dedrck	Eric Rich	

Members Absent:

Erik Leerkes	James Wells, Sr.	Lynne Lenhart
Tracey Cross-Baker		

Others Present:

Cynthia Ford-Johnston	Maria Bagneschi	Myron Geraw
Erin Hamel	Vinchenzo Veneto	

Call to Order by President Mark Russell at 8:00 a.m.

Emergency Evacuation Instructions

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to approve the consent agenda items 1 through and including 2;

1. **Agenda as Stands**
 - 1.1. November 2, 2022
2. **Personnel**
 - 2.1. **Substitute/Temp On Call Employee**
 - 2.1.1. Lisa Huestis - Teacher

Motion Carried: 5-0

New Business

3. MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to approve the **Resolution Authorizing Commencement of E-Cigarettes and Vaping Litigation**

WHEREAS, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Ticonderoga Central School District (the "School District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until students use of these devices decreases; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Board of Education (the "Board") has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

1. To appoint the law firm of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and other consistent with the recitals above;
2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigations filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

Motion Carried: 5-0

Public Participation

- Mr. Dedrick asked about senior projects, Mrs. Bagneschi discussed new layout/requirements.
- Seanna Porter discussed safety concerns for students - access into the building in the morning before 7:40 a.m..

Adjournment

MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to adjourn meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Motion Carried: 5-0

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Erin Hamel, District Clerk

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TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

5 CALKINS PLACE
TICONDEROGA, NY 12883

“SENTINELS FOR EXCELLENCE”

Date: November 10, 2022

To: The Board of Education

From: Cynthia Ford-Johnston, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Re: Extra Hours for Graduate Credit

The following staff member, in accordance with Personnel Policy 4141.1, accrued graduate hours as follows:


<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
Jessica St. John	12 (\$780)
Catherine DuShane	15 (\$975)
Jessica Borho (Nadeau)	18 (\$1,170)
Amy Smith	6 (\$390) - Pending the District's receipt of the official transcripts prior to November 15, 2022

In accordance with the contract currently in existence between the Ticonderoga Teachers' Association and the Ticonderoga Board of Education, graduate hours are paid at the rate of \$65.00 per credit hour and \$1,850.00 is paid for a Master's Degree.

JCM:eh

pc: Laurie Cossey
Anne Michalak



Warrant Date: August 23, 2022			
Total Tax Levy		\$ 12,700,901.15	
Less: STAR reimbursement		\$ (419,007.18)	
Total to Collect		\$ 12,281,893.97	
Apptmt/Omitted Taxes		\$ 2,622.85	
Less: Adjustments			
Rounding Ti bill calculation		\$ 0.30	
Rounding Hague bill calculation		\$ 0.01	
Total Adjusted to Collect		\$ 12,284,517.13	
September Receipts			
Ticonderoga		\$4,196,810.51	
Hague		\$4,908,231.56	
Total September			\$9,105,042.07
October Receipts			
Ticonderoga		\$1,114,153.69	
Essex County/State land (wire)		\$225,701.48	
Hague		\$650,699.34	
Total October			\$1,990,554.51
November Receipts			
Ticonderoga		\$30,993.07	
Hague		\$56,025.30	
Total November			\$87,018.37
Total Taxes Collected			\$11,182,614.95
Taxes Returned			
Ticonderoga		\$319,228.89	
Total		\$319,228.89	
Hague		\$337,405.51	
Warren Cty/State Land		\$445,267.78	
Total		\$782,673.29	
Penalties Returned			
Ticonderoga		\$9,576.85	
Hague		\$10,122.17	
Total		\$19,699.02	
Total Returns			\$1,101,902.18
Warrant Total			\$12,284,517.13
Penalties Collected			
Ticonderoga		\$2,875.32	
Hague		\$5,894.73	
Total October			\$8,770.05
Ticonderoga		\$801.70	
Hague		\$1,326.39	
Total November			\$2,128.09
Total Penalties Collected			\$10,898.14
Total Collected Inclusive of Penalties			\$11,193,513.09
 Anne Michalak, School Tax Collector			

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS

A quality educational program can best function in an environment that is conducive to learning, supports and encourages excellence in teaching, and provides a safe and comfortable place for students and staff.

Accordingly, the Board of Education establishes the following goals for facilities development:

1. developing a long-range planning and evaluation program;
2. providing the facilities needed to serve all students in the district;
3. providing facilities and equipment that will best support and accommodate the needs of a quality educational program; and
4. designing and constructing all facilities with particular attention to safety, security, and appropriate lighting, heating, ventilation, acoustics, spatial factors, and aesthetic appearance.

Adoption Date: November 15, 2022

Gary Olcott
Supervisor of Operations & Maintenance



To: Board of Education

RE: Update from September Board Meeting

Summary of the completed and ongoing projects for the facilities departments since the last meeting.

Both Schools

- Finished Fire Inspection
- Ordered new air filters
- Door checks every morning
- Monthly Maintenance checks fuel, fire, AED, etc.
- Monthly repair of exit & Emergency lights

Elementary

- Replace swivel in hot water circulation pump
- Yearly fire inspection repairs new E light & exit track shed & press box
- Replace motor air handler B1
- Replaced bad horn strobe outside by bus drop off area fire panel alarm
- Time clock repair
- Worked on dish washer kitchen ordered parts
- Replaced thermostat on serving line warmer in kitchen
- New toilet flange boys bathroom across from Young's room
- Replace valve stems in sink across from Mrs Budwick's kindergarten room

Jr./Sr. High School

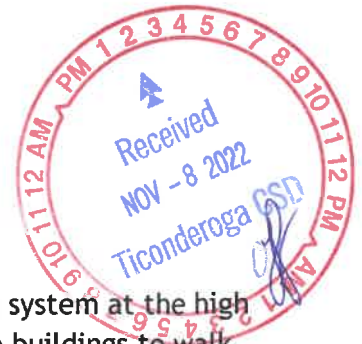
- New actuator gym roof unit dampers not opening
- TBS (Technical Building Services) Here to look at hot water pumps (heat) one pump was running full repair parts order for VFD
- Replace door holder fire doors to music wing
- Adjusted interior doors band room
- Yearly fire inspection repairs/adjustments:: new door lock-sets on both, prop door back stage, and boys locker room Amherst door. Removed risers blocking back stage exit.
- Concession stand roll up door repair
- Clogged drain in kitchen, had Geraw's OK Sanitary come pump grease trap
- Boys locker room ceiling tile replaced as needed
- Replaced 3rd floor library door hold relay Amherst side

Bus Garage

- Worked on skid steer
- Repaired door closer
- Grounded fuel tanks in bus garage
- New unleaded gas counter on tank
- Mounted dummy camera on roadside of bus garage

11/9/2022

Technology Update



With the capital outlay project, we will be replacing the camera system at the high school. Over the past few months, we've had several vendors visit both buildings to walk through, look at our current system and create their own drawings and proposals.

Verkada and Day Automation are two companies that offer a new technology that I am very interested in.

Traditional camera systems require a storage device called a Network Video Recorder (NVR). These can be expensive to purchase up front and become a critical point of failure as the system ages. Verkada and Day Automation are now offering a cloud based system. Essentially, each camera stores video footage locally and only uploads the file to the cloud when a user requests to "see" the video.

Not only does this eliminate the need for an NVR, but it also limits the amount of video footage traveling across our network. In a traditional system, every time a camera records, the video file would need to move across the network to the NVR. With multiple cameras recording simultaneously throughout the day, this traffic can sometimes become rather heavy.

While our current network could handle these loads, I don't see any reason to add additional stress if it is avoidable.

After evaluating both companies' proposals, the Admin team felt most comfortable moving forward with Day Automation. Many schools in our area use Day Automation for multiple systems from HVAC to security and after speaking with some of their customers, schools seem very happy with Day's support.

Since this is a capital outlay project, CS Arch will need to submit drawings and a proposal to State Ed for approval.

At this time, I am unsure whether or not this type of project will need to go out to bid. If it does, I know that Verkada and Day will both most likely bid the project. Should Verkada win the bid, I am very comfortable installing their system as well as Day Automations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



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Date: November 8th, 2022

To: Board of Education

From: Josh Cook, Transportation Supervisor

Transportation:

DOT inspections were held on 9/25/22, with all buses passing. Next DOT inspection date is 12/16/22.

Grounds:

District irrigation system for the sentinel and multipurpose fields have been blown out and closed for the season. Credit the town of Ti for the use of their air compressor. Finishing up final grounds work in preparation for winter.

Big shoes to fill with Todd Fish vacancy.

GO SENTINELS!

GO PATS!

JC:lf

pc: Cyntia Ford-Johnston, Interim Superintendent