

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium

"Sentinels for Excellence"

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mark Russell
Erik Leerkes
Lynne Lenhart

John Dreimiller
James Wells, Sr.
Robert Detrick

Eric Rich
Seanna Porter
Tracey Cross-Baker

Others Present:

Cynthia Ford-Johnston
Erin Hamel
Laurie & Matt Cossey
John Donohue
Tracy Price
Jeff Kryzpkowski
Gary Olcott

Josh Cook
Maria Bagneschi
Kerry Fingland
Meagan Walls
Donna Watton
John Woods
Maria Bagneschi

Kathy Marshall
David Facticeau
Aurella Leerkes
Yarr Tyler
Dylan Owen

Call to Order by President Mark Russell at 6:00 p.m.

Emergency Evacuation Instructions

Pledge of Allegiance

Upcoming Events

Feb. 13 Regular Board of Education Meeting
Feb. 20-Feb. 24 No School - Winter Break

Informational Items

- Elementary Art Club - Kerry Fingland
- Special Education End of Year Annual Report (2021-2022 SY) (Enc.) - Tracy Price
- Special Education Comparison State Data Information (Enc.)

Public Participation

- Maria Bagneschi spoke - Quiz Bowl placed 3rd in the North Country quiz Bowl League

Consent Agenda

MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to approve the consent agenda items 1 through and including 8;

1. **Agenda as Stands**
 - 1.1. January 19, 2023
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. December 20, 2022 (Enc.)
3. **Treasurer's Report** (Enc.)
4. **Schedule of Bills** (Enc.)
5. **Extra Classroom Activities Fund Report** (Enc.)
6. **CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations** (Enc.)
7. **Donation/Grant**
 - 7.1. \$1,860 to the Spring Bridge Program from the T & J DiFebbo Education Foundation
 - 7.2. \$23,343 matching funds to the Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program
 - 7.3. \$500 to the Robert Palandrani Scholarship from Francis and Eileen Fontana
 - 7.4. Rough Sawn White Pine (approximate value \$275) to the Elementary Technology Class from Crispin Shakeshaft.
 - 7.5. \$150 to the Cafeteria Fund from the First United Methodist Church
 - 7.6. \$4,000 to End School Hunger from Pride of Ticonderoga, Inc.
 - 7.7. \$120 to Jr. Sr. High School Drama Club from Janet & Chris Mallon
8. **Personnel** (Enc.) (Enc.)
 - 8.1. **Settlement Agreement**
 - 8.1.1. Authorize the Interim Superintendent to sign the confidential settlement agreement resolving disciplinary action against an employee (Enc.)
 - 8.2. **Abolishment of Position**
 - 8.2.1. Teacher Aide - Stephanie Nast - Excessed Effective January 3, 2023
 - 8.3. **Retirement**
 - 8.3.1. Joan Defayette - Elementary Teacher - 30 years - Effective July 1, 2023
 - 8.4. **Resignation**
 - 8.4.1. Robert Sutphen - Athletic Director - Effective January 19, 2023
 - 8.4.2. Michelle Holman - Food Service Helper - Effective January 13, 2023

8.5. **Appointment**

- 8.5.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve Josh Cook, as the Transportation Supervisor/Head Groundskeeper upon the successful completion of his probationary appointment effective January 11, 2023.
- 8.5.2. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Daniel Dorsett, is hereby appointed to the position of Athletic Director, effective January 20, 2023.

8.6. **Probationary Appointment**

- 8.6.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Sheridan Race II is hereby appointed to the position of Cleaner for a probationary period commencing on January 20, 2023. Salary for the 2022-2023 school year is \$29,493 (to be prorated) based on Step 2.

8.7. **Substitute/Temporary On-Call**

- 8.7.1. Christian Nichols- Teaching Assistant, Teacher Aide

Motion Carried: 9-0

New Business

9. **Shared Physical Therapy Services Agreement with Moriah Central School District (Enc.)**
MOTION BY MRS. LENHART, SECONDED BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, to authorize the Interim Superintendent to sign the enclosed agreement.

Motion Carried: 9-0

10. **State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Resolution**
MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to approve the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education as the lead agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations (SEQRA), associated with the capital project 15-15-01-06-0-001-009.

CS Arch, architects appointed by the Board of Education have recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that the project 15-15-01-06-0-001-009 is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act because the project involves: 1) maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility (6 NYCRR §617.5[c][1], and 2) routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area (6 NYCRR §617.5 [c][8]), and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project is a Type II action, therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA.

Motion Carried: 9-0

11. **Policies**
MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, to approve/adopt policies.
Approve revised Policy 6640 Inventories (Enc.)

Policy 1120 School District Record (Enc.)
Review 12/20/22, Adopt Policy 1/19/23

Motion Carried: 9-0

Concluding Reports and Remarks

12. **Superintendent's Reports/Remarks**
Superintendent's Update - Cynthia Ford-Johnston (Enc.)
Operations & Maintenance Report (Enc.)
Technology Report (Enc.)
Transportation Report (Enc.)
JSHS Activities Report (Enc.)
Elementary School Activities Report (Enc.)
Budget Update for the 2022-2023 School Year - Laurie Cossey (Enc.)

13. **Board Discussion**

- Lynne Lenhart spoke regarding Athletics
- Tracey Cross-Baker recognized Diane Smith
- James Wells spoke regarding Athletics

Public Participation

Executive Session

MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MRS. LENHART, to enter into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for discussion on: Employment History of a Particular Person(s), Negotiations or Pending Litigation.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Reconvene

MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to reconvene the regular session at 7:12 p.m.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Adjournment

MOTION BY MR. LEERKES, SECONDED BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Motion Carried: 9-0