

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 Dedrick	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 in 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

Erin Hamel, District Clerk