

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Web Address to Stream Meeting:

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“Sentinels for Excellence”

MINUTES

Members Present Mark Russell, Erik Leerkes, Seanna Porter, John Bartlett, Eric Rich, John Reale, Sr., James Well, Sr., Tracey Cross-Baker

Mem. Absent Martin Fitzgerald II

Others Present John Donohue, Erin Hamel, Matt & Laurie Cossey, Cynthia Johnston, Maria Bagneschi, Tracy Price, Richard Smith, Scott Nephew, Mark Bessen, Mike Iturrino, Kimberly Powers, Lynne Lenhart, Mary Kate Krol, Eric Mullen, Kendra McCoy, Alicia Vilardo, Joan Defayette, Todd Mitchell, Becky Burnett, Tim Rowland, Kathy Marshall, Deborah Taylor

Call to Order I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Russel at 6:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Adjournment to Executive Session

Adjourn to Exc. Session at 6:04 p.m. 1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mr. Rich, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel at 6:04 p.m.

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

Reconvene to Reg. Session at 6:08 p.m. 2. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education reconvene to Regular Session at 6:08 p.m.

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

IV. BUDGET WORKSHOP

COVID-19/  
Budget Discus A. COVID-19 Update - Mr. John Donohue  
B. Budget Discussion - Mr. John Donohue

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

K. Powers Spoke A. Kimberly Powers Spoke

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Approval of Financial Items

Approve Minutes 1. a. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on March 19, 2020, and the Special Board of Education Meeting held on April 7, 2020, and

Acknowledge  
Sched. Of Bills,  
Internal Claims  
Audit Rept. &  
ECAF Report

- b. acknowledge receipt of the monthly Financial Reports, and
- c. approve the Schedule of Bills for payment, and
- d. acknowledge receipt of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report for March dated April 8, 2020 (Enc.).

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

**B. Personnel**

Ratify Separation  
Agreement/  
Resign. E. Hayes

- 1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, it is hereby resolved that the Separation Agreement executed by the Superintendent is ratified, the resignation of Elizabeth Hayes is accepted, and Elizabeth Hayes shall continue on paid administrative leave with benefits to and including June 30, 2020, and

Abolish Elem.  
Tch. A. Smith

- 2. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following resolution of abolishment
  - (a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2020, in the tenure area of Elementary.
  - (b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Elementary is Amy Smith.
  - (c) Amy Smith shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013 (3), and

Abolish Elem  
Tch. K. Tierney

- 3. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following resolution of abolishment
  - (a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2020, in the tenure area of Elementary.
  - (b) The person having the next least seniority in the tenure area of Elementary is Kerrie Tierney.
  - (c) Kerrie Tierney shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013 (3), and

Abolish Art Tch.  
K. Dickinson

- 4. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following resolution of abolishment
  - (a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2020, in the tenure area of Art.
  - (b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Art is Kaley Dickinson.
  - (c) Kaley Dickinson shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013 (3), and

Abolish PE Tch.  
MK Krol

5. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following resolution of abolishment

(a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2020, in the tenure area of Physical Education.

(b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Physical Education is Mary Kate Krol.

(c) Mary Kate Krol shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013 (3), and

Abolish Business  
Ed. Tch.  
D. Taylor

6. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following resolution of abolishment

(a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2020, in the tenure area of Business Education.

(b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Business Education is Deborah Taylor.

(c) Deborah Taylor shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013 (3), and

Abolish Home  
Econ. Tch.  
K. Powers

7. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following resolution of abolishment

(a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2020, in the tenure area of Home Economics.

(b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Home Economics is Kimberly Powers.

(c) Kimberly Powers shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013 (3), and

Accept Resign A.  
Sheridan FSH

8. that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Amanda Sheridan as a Food Service Helper effective April 20, 2020 (Enc.).

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

Approver CSE,  
CPSE & 504  
Recomm.

C. New Business - Recommendations of Committee on Pre-School Special Education, Committee on Special Education and 504 Committee

1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education approve the following recommendations:

CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations for the Board of 4/23/2020		
Meeting Date	Committee	Meeting Reason
3/11/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/11/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/11/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/11/20	504	Annual Review
3/11/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/11/20	CSE	Annual Review (Cont.)

Approver CSE,  
CPSE & 504  
Recomm. (Cont.)

3/11/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/11/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/12/20	CSE	Initial Determination
3/13/20	CPSE	Initial Determination
3/13/10	CPSE	Initial Determination
3/13/20	CPSE	Initial Determination
3/13/20	CPSE	Initial Determination
3/25/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/25/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/25/20	504	Initial Determination
3/26/20	504	Annual Review
3/26/20	504	Annual Review
3/26/20	504	Annual Review
3/26/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/26/20	CSE	Amendment
3/26/20	504	Annual Review
3/26/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/26/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/27/20	504	Annual Review
3/27/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/30/20	CPSE	Initial Determination
3/30/20	CPSE	Initial Determination
3/31/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/31/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/31/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/31/20	CSE	Annual Review
3/31/20	504	Reevaluation/Annual Review
3/31/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Annual Review (Cont.)

Approver CSE,  
CPSE & 504  
Recomm. (Cont.)

4/2/20	504	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/2/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/3/20	504	Annual Review
4/3/20	504	Annual Review
4/6/20	CPSE	Annual Review
4/6/20	CPSE	Annual Review
4/6/20	CPSE	Annual Review
4/6/20	CPSE	Annual Review
4/6/20	CPSE	Annual Review
4/8/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/8/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/8/20	CSE	Annual Review
4/8/20	504	Annual Review
4/8/20	504	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/8/20	CSE	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/8/20	504	Reevaluation/Annual Review
4/8/20	504	Annual Review (Enc.), and

Accept  
Donations/Grants

D. New Business - Accept Donations/Grants

1. that the Board of Education accept the following donations/grants for the listed purposes:
  - a. Donation of \$100 to the Cafeteria Fund from First United Methodist Church, and

Approve CVES  
Admin. Budget

E. Vote on Administrative Budget of the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services

1. that the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District vote to **Approve** the tentative Administrative Budget of the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the school year 2020-21 (Enc.).

F. Vote on Champlain Valley Education Services Board of Education Members

Approve L. Boise  
CVES BOE

1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District cast one vote for Leisa Boise for one of the five seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Education Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services), and

Approve E. Marin  
CVES BOE

2. that the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District cast one vote for Ed Marin for one of the five seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Education Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services), and

Approve T.  
McCabe CVES  
BOE

3. that the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District cast one vote for Thomas McCabe for one of the five seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Education Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services), and

Approve B.  
Murdock CVES  
BOE

4. that the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District cast one vote for Bruce Murdock for one of the five seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Education Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services) (Enc.).

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

G. New Business - Approve the 2020-21 School District Calendar

Approve 2020-21  
School Calendar

1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education approve the enclosed 2020-21 School Calendar for the Ticonderoga Central School District with the school year beginning on September 1, 2020 through June 25, 2021 (Staff Development on September 1 & 2, 2020) and school for students beginning on September 3, 2020 (Enc.), and

Approve/Adopt  
Voter  
Registration for  
Students Policy

H. New Business - Approval and Adoption of the Voter Registration for Students Policy

1. that the Board of Education approve and adopt the following enclosed Board Policy:

Policy 5605 Voter Registration for Students (Enc.), and  
First Reading - March 19, 2020  
Adoption - April 23, 2020

Approve RAN  
Resolution

I. New Business - Revenue Anticipation Note Resolution

1. that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION, DATED APRIL 23, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$2,500,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF STATE AID TO BE RECEIVED IN AND FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ITS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ticonderoga Central School District (the "School District"), a school district and a political subdivision of the State of New York (the "State"), located in Essex County, desires to issue revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of State aid to be received in and for the School District in its fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the receipt of such State aid is expected to be received before the close of the School District's 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, \$0 of such State aid to be received in such fiscal year has been received as of the date hereof, leaving at least \$2,500,000 of such State aid not yet received in such fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the actual amount of State aid received by the School District is expected to be \$8,267,277; and

**WHEREAS**, no revenue anticipation notes prior to the date of this resolution have been authorized to be issued in anticipation of the receipt of such State aid in such fiscal year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District, as follows:

Section 1. There are hereby authorized to be issued revenue anticipation notes of the Ticonderoga Central School District (the "School District") in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,500,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law in anticipation of the receipt of State aid to be received in and for the School District in its fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; provided, however, that no such notes shall be issued under this resolution at any time in an amount which exceeds the "cumulative cash-flow deficit", within the meaning of the applicable Internal Revenue Code regulations, with respect to such notes. Such notes shall be designated "Ticonderoga Central School District Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2020" (the "Notes").

Section 2. The Notes shall be dated, shall mature, shall be in such denominations and series and shall bear interest at the rate or rates of interest per annum, determined at the time of the sale of the Notes by the President of the Board of Education of the School District at private sale or public sale in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State and Chapter 2 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. The Board of Education of the School District has ascertained and hereby states that (a) at least \$2,500,000 of such State aid remains unreceived as of the date hereof for the fiscal year of the School District ending June 30, 2021; (b) no revenue anticipation notes have heretofore been authorized to be issued in anticipation of the receipt of such State aid; (c) no amount has been or will be included in the annual budget of the School District for such fiscal year to offset, in whole or in part, any anticipated deficiency in the receipt during such fiscal year of such State aid to be received for such fiscal year; (d) the Notes are to be issued in anticipation of the receipt of revenues other than real estate taxes and assessments; (e) the date of maturity of the Notes and renewals thereof shall not be extended beyond 2023, which is the close of the applicable period provided in Section 25.00 of the Local Finance Law for the maturity of the Notes; and (f) all earnings from the proceeds of the Notes, if any, shall be applied for payment of interest on the Notes when due and payable or for payment of other governmental purposes of the School District within the meaning of the United States Treasury Regulations or other such regulations in effect or proposed on the date of the Notes.

Section 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00, 56.00 and 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to sell, issue and deliver and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Notes is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education of the School District, as the chief fiscal officer of the School District. The President of the Board of Education of the School District is hereby authorized to execute the Notes on behalf of the School District and the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the School District to the Notes and to attest such seal. The President of the Board of Education of the School District is hereby

Approve RAN  
Resolution  
(Cont.)

authorized to deliver the Notes to the purchaser thereof upon receipt in full of the purchase price thereof.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the School District hereby is and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this resolution, as the same shall become due.

Section 6. The President of the Board of Education of the School District is hereby directed to file with the Board of Education of the School District certificates reporting the date of the Notes, the date the Notes mature, the rates of interest payable on the Notes, the purchaser of the Notes and a statement to the effect that the power of the President of the Board of Education of the School District to sell, issue and deliver the Notes is in full force and effect and has not been modified, amended or revoked prior to the delivery of and payment for the Notes, and such other certificates as may be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers of the Notes.

Section 7. In the absence of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education of the School District is hereby authorized to exercise the power referred to in Sections 4 and 6 of this resolution.

Section 8. The School District covenants for the benefit of the holders of the obligations authorized herein that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the School District, and will not make any use of the facilities financed with the proceeds of such obligations which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by Section 55 of the Code) or subject the School District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations, the proceeds thereof or any facilities financed thereby if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to federal income taxation under the Code (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by Section 55 of the Code) or subject the School District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of such obligations or any other provisions hereof until the date which is 60 days after the final maturity date or earlier prior redemption date thereof. The proceeds of such Notes may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments made for such purpose on or after a date which is not more than 60 days prior to the adoption date of this revenue anticipation note resolution by the School District.

Section 9. For the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the obligations authorized pursuant to this resolution (the "obligations"), the School District agrees, in accordance with and as an obligated person with respect to the obligations, under Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data, financial statements and notices, in such manner, as may be required for purposes of the Rule. In order to describe and specify certain terms of the School District's continuing disclosure agreement for that purpose, and thereby to implement that agreement, including provisions for enforcement, amendment and termination, the President of the Board of Education of the School District is authorized and directed to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the School District, the commitment authorized by subsection 6(c) of the Rule (the "Commitment") to be placed on file



Approve RAN  
Resolution  
(Cont.)

with the School District Clerk, which shall constitute the continuing disclosure agreement made by the School District for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the obligations in accordance with the Rule, with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District and that are approved by the President of the Board of Education of the School District on behalf of the School District, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Commitment or amendments thereto. The agreement formed, collectively, by this paragraph and the Commitment, shall be the School District's continuing disclosure agreement for purposes of the Rule, and its performance shall be subject to the availability of funds and their annual appropriation to meet costs the School District would be required to incur to perform thereunder. The President of the Board of Education of the School District is further authorized and directed to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the School District with its continuing disclosure agreement, including the timely provision of information and notices. Prior to making any filing in accordance with the agreement or providing notice of the occurrence of any material event, the President of the Board of Education of the School District shall consult with, as appropriate, the School District attorney and bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel to the School District. The President of the Board of Education of the School District acting in the name and on behalf of the School District, shall be entitled to rely upon any legal advice provided by the School District attorney or such bond counsel or other special counsel in determining whether a filing should be made.

Section 10. A resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the School District intending and purporting to be a revenue anticipation note resolution is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed as a valid revenue anticipation note resolution and said resolution and this resolution are and shall be and shall be deemed to be one in the same respecting all provisions of the laws and constitution of the State.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

#### VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Board Discussion      A. Board Discussion
  - 1. District Realignment Update - Cynthia Johnston
  
- SOS Reports            B. Reports - Superintendent of Schools
  - 1. School Safety
  - 2. Technology Report (Enc.)
  - 3. Operations & Maintenance Department (Enc.)

#### VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- R. Smith Spoke      A. Richard Smith Spoke

#### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Adjournment to Executive Session
  - 1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-Baker, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel at 6:55 p.m.

Adjourn to Ex.  
Session at  
6:55 p.m.

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

Reconvene to  
Reg. Session at  
7:41 p.m.

2. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mr. Rich, that  
the Board of Education reconvene to Regular Session at  
7:41 p.m.

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment from Regular Session

ADJOURN  
7:43 p.m.

1. It was moved by Mr. Leerkes, seconded by Mrs. Cross-  
Baker, that the Board of Education adjourn from Regular  
Session at 7:43 p.m.

8 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

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Erin Hamel, District Clerk