

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium

"Sentinels for Excellence"

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mark Russell
Erik Leerkes
James Wells, Sr.

John Bartlett
Seanna Porter
Lynne Lenhart

Eric Rich
Robert Dedrick, Sr.

Members Absent:

Tracey Cross-Baker

Others Present:

Cynthia Ford-Johnston
Erin Hamel
John Donohue
Scott Nephew

Tracy Price
Matt & Laurie Cossey
John Dreimiller
John Woods

Trisha & Steve Wojcik
Maria Bagneschi

Call to Order by President Mark Russell at 6:01 p.m.

Emergency Evacuation Instructions

Pledge of Allegiance

Upcoming Events

- 6/24/21 - UPK - 12 Early Dismissal Time Starting 11:00 a.m.
- 6/25/21 - NO SCHOOL - Emergency Day Giveback
- 6/26/21 - Graduation - 9:00 a.m. Sentinel Field

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

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

1. Agenda as Stands
 - 1.1. June 22, 2021
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1. May 25, 2021 (Enc.)
3. Treasurer's Report (Enc.)
4. Schedule of Bills (Enc.)
5. Extra Classroom Funds Report for April (Enc.)
6. CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations (Enc.)
7. Donation/Grant
 - 7.1. \$100 to the Robert Palandrani Scholarship from Jacquelyn Palandrani
 - 7.2. Disinfectant Wipes (value \$2,683.12) to the District from Walmart #2424
 - 7.3. \$300 to the Elementary School from the Sons of the American Legion
 - 7.4. \$100 to Ticonderoga Central School District from the First United Methodist Church
8. Personnel (Enc.)
 - 8.1. Preferred Eligibility Recall
 - 8.1.1. Amy Smith, who is on the Preferred Eligibility List, is being returned to a full-time probationary position in the Elementary tenure area. The probation period will commence on September 1, 2021 and is anticipated to end September 2, 2023. Salary for the 2021-22 school year will be \$51,515 based on Step 3 MS+11.
 - 8.2. Probationary Appointments
 - 8.2.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Kathy Marshall, who is Permanently Certified in the Home Economics area, is hereby appointed to an at-will part-time position of Home Economics Teacher. Salary for the 2021-22 school year is \$35,000.
 - 8.2.2. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Bradley West, who is Permanently Certified in the School Psychologist area, and who has previously attained tenure is hereby appointed to the position of .6 FTE School Psychologist tenure area for a probation period commencing on September 1, 2021 and anticipated to end on September 2, 2024. Salary for the 2021-22 school year is \$36,201 based on Step 8 MS+39.
 - 8.2.3. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Jill Johnson, who is Permanently Certified in the Special Education area, and who has attained tenure, is hereby appointed to the position of Teaching Assistant tenure area for a probation period commencing on September 1, 2021 and anticipated to end on September 2, 2024. Salary for the 2021-22 school year is \$23,000 based on Step

- 8.2.4. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Therese Sharkey is hereby appointed to the position of Teacher Aide for a probation period commencing on September 1, 2021 at a salary based on Step 1 for the 2021-22 school year.
- 8.2.5. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Gary Olcott is hereby appointed to the position of Director of Facilities II (pending Civil Service exam) for a probation period commencing on July 1, 2021 at a salary of \$70,000 for the 2021-22 school year.
- 8.2.6. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Taylor Bolton is hereby appointed to the position of Cleaner for a probation period commencing on July 1, 2021 at a salary based on Step 2 for the 2021-22 school year.
- 8.2.7. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Mandy Moore is hereby appointed to the position of Cleaner for a probation period commencing on July 1, 2021 at a salary based on Step 1 for the 2021-22 school year.
- 8.2.8. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Melissa Fuller is hereby appointed to the position of Food Service Helper for a probation period commencing on September 1, 2021 at a salary based on Step 1 for the 2021-22 school year.

8.3. **Advisors 2021-22**

- 8.3.1. District-Wide Department Chairperson English Language Arts - Kyle Lang
- 8.3.2. District-Wide Department Chairperson Mathematics - Kasey Paige
- 8.3.3. District-Wide Department Chairperson Science - Jennee Iturrino
- 8.3.4. District-Wide Department Chairperson Social Studies - Jody Sutphen
- 8.3.5. Freshman Class Co- Advisor - Michael Iturrino, Jennee Iturrino
- 8.3.6. Sophomore Class Advisor - Dawn Wojewodzc
- 8.3.7. Junior Class Advisor - Jodi Drinkwine
- 8.3.8. Senior Class Advisor - Kaitlyn Crammond
- 8.3.9. Key Club Advisor - Alex Blanchard
- 8.3.10. National Honor Society Advisor - Jennee Iturrino
- 8.3.11. Senior Project Advisor - Kyle Lang
- 8.3.12. Photo Club Advisor - Britney Shaw
- 8.3.13. Quiz Bowl Advisor - Maria Bagneschi
- 8.3.14. Foreign Language Advisor - Heather York
- 8.3.15. Jr. Sr. High School Yearbook Advisor - Kyle Lang
- 8.3.16. Extra Class Accounts Treasurer - Kasey Paige
- 8.3.17. Three Act Play Director - Kyle Lang
- 8.3.18. Elementary Drama Director - Wayne Chagnon
- 8.3.19. Assistant Director Elementary Play - Michael Edson
- 8.3.20. High School Jazz Band - Michael Iturrino
- 8.3.21. Junior High Band - Nicholas Follett
- 8.3.22. Tutors - Kyle Lang, Alex Blanchard, Kasey Paige, Michele Young, Jennee Iturrino, Maria Bagneschi, Jody Drinkwine

8.4. **Resignation**

- 8.4.1. Amanda Christman - Summer School Itinerant Special Education Teacher, effective June 3, 2021

8.5. **Temporary Appointments**

- 8.5.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Lindsey Gordon, is hereby appointed to the temporary position of Teaching Assistant (uncertified), at a salary of \$22,500 based on Step 1 for the 2021-22 school year effective September 1, 2021.

Elementary Summer School (7/6//21 - 7/29/21, 3.5 hrs./day Tuesday - Thursday)

- 8.5.2. Kindergarten Teacher - Colleen Walraven
- 8.5.3. 1st Grade Teacher - Deirdre Doohue
- 8.5.4. 2nd Grade Teacher - Joan Defayette
- 8.5.5. 3rd Grade Teacher - Diane Granger
- 8.5.6. 4th Grade Teacher - Kathy Moore
- 8.5.7. 5th Grade Teacher - Michelle Young
- 8.5.8. 6th Grade Teacher - Nancy Rich
- 8.5.9. Special Education Teachers - Michelle Eggleston, Jessica Cottone
- 8.5.10. Teaching Assistants - Beth Iuliano, Nancy Quesnel

Jr. Sr. High School Summer School (7/6//21 - 7/29/21, 3.5 hrs./day Tuesday - Thursday)

- 8.5.11. Science Teacher - Jennee Iturrino
- 8.5.12. Social Studies Teacher - Jay Wells
- 8.5.13. Mathematics Teachers - Kasey Paige, Amber Wright
- 8.5.14. English Language Arts Teachers - Kyle Lang, Jessica Borho

Special Education Summer School (7/5/21 - 8/12/2021)

- 8.5.15. Itinerant Special Education Teacher - Jodi Drinkwine
- 8.5.16. 8:1:1 Elementary Teaching Assistant - Cassie LaPier
- 8.5.17. 8:1:1 Elementary Teacher Aide - Theresa Sharkey
- 8.5.18. 8:1:1 Jr. Sr. High School Teaching Assistant - AnnMarie Elethorp

Summer School Substitutes (7/5/21 - 8/12/21)

- 8.5.19. Cindy Mitchell, Theanda Burgey

8.6. **Substitutes/Temp on Call Employees**

Temp/on call employee for the 2021-22 school year pending fingerprinting and approval by the State Education Department:

- 8.6.1. Justin Morse - Cleaner

New Business

9. MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to approve the 2021-2022 School Year Board of Education Schedule of Meeting Dates (Enc.)

July 13, 2021	2 nd Tuesday
August 17, 2021	3 rd Tuesday
September 21, 2021	3 rd Tuesday
October 19, 2021	3 rd Tuesday
November 16, 2021	3 rd Tuesday
December 21, 2021	3 rd Tuesday
January 20, 2022	3 rd Thursday
February 15, 2022	3 rd Tuesday
March 15, 2022	3 rd Tuesday
April 12, 2022	2 nd Tuesday (Budget Adoption)
May 17, 2022	3 rd Tuesday*
June 21, 2022	3 rd Tuesday

Budget Vote & Board Member Election will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Board of Education Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m.

**May 17, 2022 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Budget Vote & Board Member Election results will be accepted at this meeting.*

Motion Carried:8-0

10. MOTION BY MR. WELLS, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to approve the CEWW BOCES Special Education School Aged Summer School for 2022 Resolution

WHEREAS, the Ticonderoga Central School District and its Board of Education have consistently appreciated, relied upon and subscribed to this region's Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) shared services for special education summer programming, on behalf of particular students who have individual education plans (IEPs) calling for such specialized summer services; and

WHEREAS, this region's BOCES has the specialized administrative staff, program staff, facilities, expertise and general mission to provide for such services that are generally not feasible for individual component school districts to implement as efficiently and cost-effectively, as the BOCES offers this service on a shared basis for the component school districts and their Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Ticonderoga Central School District cannot provide special education school aged summer school services in a more cost-effective manner than BOCES, due to the ability of BOCES to offer and provide services to multiple districts who are able to share costs; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ticonderoga Central School District intends to participate in the 2022 Special Education School-Aged Summer School, and agrees to pay the actual CEWW BOCES costs for the 2022 summer school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no later than August 2, 2021, the Clerk of the Board shall notify the CEWW BOCES in writing of the District's commitment as described herein and the District's intent to participate in the 2022 Special Education School-Age Summer School. A copy of this adopted resolution is to be provided to the CEWW BOCES and its District Superintendent.

Motion Carried:8-0

11. MOTION BY MRS. LENHART, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to approve the Resolution Appointing Interim Superintendent of Schools and Approving Employment Agreement (Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board engaged a thorough process to seek a full-time Superintendent of Schools upon the retirement of the previous school superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, engaged a diligent, active search for a successor superintendent of schools but was unable to secure a successful candidate; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it necessary to appoint an Interim Superintendent of Schools to maintain the leadership and integrity of the educational system while it continues to pursue hiring of a full-time superintendent of schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Board previously worked with and was pleased with the leadership of Cynthia Ford-Johnston:

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING THE BOARD HEREBY:

1. Appoints Cynthia Ford-Johnston Interim Superintendent of Schools of the Ticonderoga Central School District for a period of time commencing July 12, 2021 and ending no later than June 30, 2022 upon terms of employment mutually agreed to by the Board and Ms. Ford- Johnston as set forth in the attached; and,

2. Approves entering into the attached employment agreement between the Board and Ms. Ford-Johnston and authorizes the Board President to execute the same.

Motion Carried:8-0

12. **MOTION BY MR. LEERKES, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to approve the 2021-2022 Cooperative Purchasing Resolution**

Be it resolved that the Ticonderoga School District Board of Education agrees to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the "Cooperative Purchasing Agreement" for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Carried:8-0

13. **Policy 0105 - Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity in Education (Enc.)**
(Review 5/25/21, Extended Review 6/22/21, Adopt 7/13/21)

Concluding Reports and Remarks

14. **Superintendent's Reports/Remarks**
Superintendent's Update - Cynthia Ford-Johnston
Technology Report (Enc.)

15. **Board Discussion**
15.1. Mr. Dedrick spoke about the Alumni Extravaganza

Public Participation

Executive Session (if necessary)

MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MR. LEERKES, to enter into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. for discussion on: Employment History of a Particular Person(s), Negotiations.

Motion Carried:8-0

Reconvene

MOTION BY MR. LEERKES, SECONDED BY MR. BARTLETT, to reconvene regular session at 7:53 p.m.

Motion Carried:8-0

Adjournment

MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. WELLS, to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion Carried:8-0

Erin Hamel, District Clerk