

TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

"Sentinels for Excellence"

MINUTES

Members Present

Mark Russell, Erik Leerkes, Seana Porter, John Bartlett, John Reale, Sr., Martin Fitzgerald II, Tracy Cross-Baker, James Wells, Sr., Eric Rich

Others Present

John Donohue, Erin Hamel, Laurie & Matt Cossey, Tracy Price, Cynthia Johnston, Robert Sutphen, John Garcia, Scott Nephew, Elizabeth Hayes, Kyle Lang, Kathy Marshall, Mary Kate Krol, Nick Follett, Robyn Smith, Joan Defayette, Dr. Mark Davey, Michelle Friedman, CV-Tech Students, Tom Telling, Joe Reilly, Carly Tubbs, Adam Molina,

Call to Order

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Russell 5:00 p.m.
- II. EMERGENCY EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS - Mr. Donohue
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Ex. Session at 5:05 p.m.

A. Adjournment to Executive Session

1. It was moved by Mrs. Cross-Baker, seconded by Mr. Leerkes, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel at 5:05 p.m.

9 Ayes      0 Nays      0 Abstain      Motion Carried

Reconvene to Reg. Session at 6:05 p.m.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Cross-Baker, seconded by Mr. Leerkes, that the Board of Education reconvene to Regular Session at 6:05 p.m.

9 Ayes      0 Nays      0 Abstain      Motion Carried

Informational Items

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Approve Smart Bond Presentation on Website

- A. Annual Audit Report - Tom Telling
- B. Smart Bond Presentation - Joe Reilly
  1. It was moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Leerkes, that the Board of Education approve the Smart Bond Presentation be posted on the District Website.

9 Ayes      0 Nays      0 Abstain      Motion Carried

- C. CVES Career & Technical Education Program - Dr. Davey & Michelle Friedman
- D. New Superintendent of Schools Search - Dr. Davey
- E. Strategic Planning Team - Cynthia Johnston
- F. 3-8 Test Scores - Elizabeth Hayes

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes and Financial Items

Approve Minutes

1. a. It was moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, that, the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2019, and

Acknowledge Sched. of Bills & ECAF Rept.

b. acknowledge receipt of the September and October monthly Financial Reports, and

c. approve the Schedule of Bills for Payment, and

d. acknowledge receipt of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for October dated November 14, 2019 (Enc.), and

Acknowledge Receipt of the Tax Collector's Report

2. that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the enclosed School District Tax Collector's Report by Anne Michalak, Tax Collector, received on November 14, 2019 (Enc.), and

Approve Grad. Hours

3. that the Board of Education approve the graduate hours as accrued by a teacher in accordance with Board Policy 4141.1 (Enc.), and

Auth. SOS to Sign Transportation Contracts

4. that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to sign the enclosed Transportation Contract for the period of September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with the below schools:

Putnam Central School District  
Crown Point Central School District (Enc.), and

Acknowledge Receipt of Auditor's Report

5. that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report submitted by Telling & Associates, CPA PC, for the year ended June 30, 2019, and

B. Personnel

Grant Tenure to A. Vilardo Reading Tchr.

1. that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby grants tenure in the Literacy tenure area to Alicia Vilardo; who holds an Initial Certification in the Literacy area, effective September 1, 2019. Alicia Vilardo's Initial Certification expires on August 31, 2024. Note: if the teacher does not have Professional Certification by the time the Initial Certification expires, she should take a leave of absence, resign or be subject to dismissal even if she has tenure (Enc.), and

Approve Subs

2. that the Board of Education approve the following substitute/temp on call employee for the 2019-20 school year pending fingerprinting and approval by the State Education Department:

Ritch Waldron - Temp on Call Uncertified Teacher, Temp on Call Teacher Assistant, Temp on Call Teacher Aide  
Javkhan Acker - Temp on Call Teaching Assistant, Temp on Call Teacher Aide, Temp on Call Secretary/Clerk  
Taylor Bolton - Temp on Call Cleaner, Temp on Call Food Service Helper,  
Michael Gijanto - Tutor  
Erin Russell - Temp on Call Uncertified Teacher, Temp on Call Teacher Assistant, Temp on Call Teacher Aide, Temp on Call Secretary/Clerk, and  
Suzanne Tucker - Bus Driver (Enc.), and

Approve Extra-Curr. Appts.

3. that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2019-20 school year (appointments and teams are based on having sufficient numbers of participants on each level of team):

Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach - Dan Dorsett  
Basketball Scoreboard Operator - Danielle Palandrani  
Shot Clock Operator - Nicholas Lender, and

Approve Vol. Driver M. Pockett

4. that the Board of Education approve Michael Pockett as a volunteer drivers of the District's occasional use vehicles for the 2019-20 school year (Enc.), and

Approve Donation of Sick Days to M. Denno

5. that the Board of Education approve a resolution whereby all District Employees shall be allowed to donate sick days to Michelle Denno for the period through the 2019-20 school year, and Michelle Denno shall not be required to pay back any sick day that may be used during her leave, and any District Employee wishing to donate sick days will notify the Business Office of their desire to donate and the number of days they wish to donate, the Business Office shall charge the employee's accrued sick days accordingly.

9 Ayes      0 Nays      0 Abstain      Motion Carried

Approver CSE, CPSE & 504 Recomm.

C. New Business - Recommendations of Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education and 504 Committee

1. It was moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, that the Board of Education approve the following recommendations:

CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations for the Board of 11/20/19		
Meeting Date	Committee	Meeting Reason
10/11/19	CPSE	Initial Determination
10/11/19	504	Transfer in
10/19/19	CSE	Amendment no meeting
10/22/19	CSE	Initial Determination
10/22/19	CSE	Initial Determination
10/22/19	504	Initial Determination
10/22/19	CSE	Requested Review
10/22/19	CSE	Requested Review
10/22/19	CSE	Requested Review
10/30/19	CSE	Requested Review
10/30/19	CSE	Manifestation Determination
10/31/19	CSE	Transfer in
10/31/19	CSE	Requested Review
11/7/19	CSE	Requested 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 \$181 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Project from The Wind-Chill Factory, and
  - b. donation of \$181 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Project from Pat Armstrong, and
  - c. donation of \$181 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Project from Matthew Hickey, and

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- d. donation of \$500 to School Lunch Program from Ticonderoga First United Methodist Church, and
- e. donation of \$100 to the Deborah Breitenbach Scholarship from Colleen & Paul Bell, and
- f. donation of \$3,500 to the Backpack Program from Glenn & Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation, and
- g. donation of \$250 to the Middle School Drama Club from the Ticonderoga Alumni Association (Sentinel Support Fund), and
- h. donation of \$168 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Project from Ticonderoga Self Storage, and
- i. donation of \$168 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Project from Al's Excavating, and

Authorize SOS to  
sing Tech  
Agreement  
w/Schroon Lake

- E. New Business - Extension of Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Technology Services
  1. that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to proceed with an extension of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Technology Services between Ticonderoga Central School District and Schroon Lake Central School District for the 2019-20 school year at an estimated fee of \$94,053.98 annually (Enc.), and

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- F. New Business - Bond Resolution to Authorize the Issuance and Sale of Serial Bonds or Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$1,581,680

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

**WHEREAS**, the Essex-Essex-Warren-Washington Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services d/b/a Champlain Valley Educational Services ("the "CEWW BOCES") has heretofore been created and the Ticonderoga Central School District (the "District") is a component district thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, CEWW BOCES is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"); and

**WHEREAS**, CEWW BOCES, as lead agency, reviewed the impact of the Project, as defined below, upon the environment and by resolution adopted August 22, 2018 determined that the Project is an Unlisted Action as such term is defined in the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon a review of a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") prepared for the Project dated July 11, 2018, together with other relevant criteria and materials, CEWW BOCES by resolution adopted August 22, 2018 (a) determined that the requirements of SEQRA had been met and that the Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment and (b) issued a Negative Declaration with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the qualified voters of CEWW BOCES at a special meeting duly called and held on December 11, 2018 did vote and adopt the following proposition:

Shall the Essex-Essex-Warren-Washington Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (the "CEWW BOCES"), be authorized to undertake a project (the "Project") consisting of the acquisition of approximately 17 acres of land and related buildings and structures comprising the CEWW BOCES's Satellite Branch Campus, 518 Rugar Street, Plattsburgh, New York (the "Satellite Branch Campus") which the CEWW BOCES currently leases and approximately 20 acres adjacent

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thereto for future expansion, the construction of certain renovations, alterations, additions and improvements to the buildings and structures located at the CEWW BOCES's Plattsburgh Main Campus at 1585 Military Turnpike Ext., Plattsburgh, New York, the Satellite Branch Campus and the Mineville Campus, 3092 Plank Road, Mineville, New York, including related demolition, construction, renovations, site improvements, furnishings, fixtures and equipment required for such purposes, architectural fees and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$29,850,000 and in furtherance thereof in its discretion to either (a) enter into any and all agreements and instruments necessary or desirable to effectuate the financing for said Project through the auspices of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") including, but not limited to, authority to convey to DASNY such specific interests in real property or leasehold interests as may be necessary or desirable in connection therewith, and to enter into any lease or other agreement with DASNY, as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate said financing or (b) enter into an agreement with the component school districts of the CEWW BOCES pursuant to education law section 1950(14)(a) to provide for the financing of the Project and other matters necessary or proper to effectuate the Project as set forth in such statute; and

**WHEREAS**, CEWW BOCES entered into an agreement by and between CEWW BOCES and each of the component school districts of CEWW BOCES (the "Intermunicipal Agreement") providing for the construction, allocation and apportionment of the cost of the Project among such component school districts, the payment by each such component school district of its respective share to CEWW BOCES and other matters incidental thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the District by resolution adopted February 26, 2019 approved the Intermunicipal Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Intermunicipal Agreement, the amount payable by the District to CEWW BOCES in connection with the Project is \$1,581,680.00.

**WHEREAS**, the District intends hereby to authorize (but not require) the issuance of indebtedness to finance the District's allocable share of the cost of the Project in accordance with Section 1950(14) of the Education Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The District is hereby authorized to pay CEWW BOCES \$1,581,680.00 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore. The estimated total cost of the District's allocable share of the Project, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$1,581,680.00 and the plan of financing includes the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,581,680.00, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of the bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source. It is hereby determined that the requirements of SEQRA have been met.

**Section 2.** Bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,581,680.00 to finance said payment to CEWW BOCES.

**Section 3.** The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) Under Section 1950(14)(b) of the Education Law, the period of probable usefulness of the Project is thirty (30) years;

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(b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution;

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years;

**Section 4.** The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

**Section 5.** Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. Such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law.

**Section 6.** The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

**Section 7.** As permitted by Section 56.00 of the Local Finance Law, the power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The bonds shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other

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action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

**Section 8.** Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel to the District for the Project.

**Section 9.** This resolution shall take effect immediately. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing resolution, together with a Notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the newspapers having general circulation in the District and designated the official newspapers of District for such publication, and

Adopt Policy 8505 Charging School Meals

A. New Business - Approval and Adoption of the Charging School Meals Policy

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

Policy 8505 Charging School Meals (Enc.).

First Reading - October 15, 2019

Adoption - November 20, 2019

9 Ayes      0 Nays      0 Abstain      Motion Carried

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

SOS Reports

A. Reports - Superintendent of Schools

- 1. Activities Reports - Elementary, Middle & High Schools (Enc.)
- 2. Newsweek: America's Best STEM High Schools- Ticonderoga High School Ranked 3,600
- 3. School Safety
- 4. Operations & Maintenance Department Report (Enc.)

Future Items

B. Future Items

- 1. Nov. 25, 2019      No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2. Nov. 26 - 29      No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 3. Dec. 4, 2019      Kiwanis Senior Citizens' Holiday Luncheon Elem. Middle School Cafeteria 2:00 p.m.
- 4. Dec. 5, 2019      Grade 5-8 Choral Concert - 6:30 p.m.
- 5. Dec. 10, 2019      Grade 5-8 Band Concert - 6:30 p.m.
- 6. Dec. 12, 2019      High School Winter Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- 7. Dec. 13 & 14      Middle School One-Act Play - 6:00 p.m.
- 8. Dec. 16, 2019      Regular Board of Education Meeting High School Cafeteria - 6:00 p.m.
- 9. Dec. 17, 2019      Grades 3-8 Choral Concert - 6:30 p.m.
- 10. Dec. 23 - Jan. 3      No School - Holiday Break
- 11. Jan. 20, 2020      No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

M. Krol Spoke

A. Mary Kate Krol - Middle School One Act Play Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

X. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN  
8:52 p.m.

A. Adjournment from Regular Session

1. It was moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Leerkes, that the Board of Education adjourn from Regular Session at 8:52 p.m.

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Erin Hamel, District Clerk