

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium

"Sentinels for Excellence"

MINUTES

**Members Present:**

Mark Russell  
Erik Leerkes  
James Wells, Sr.

Tracey Cross-Baker  
Seanna Porter  
John Dreimiller

Eric Rich  
Robert Dedrick, Sr.  
Lynne Lenhart

**Others Present:**

Cynthia Ford-Johnston  
Erin Hamel  
Matt & Laurie Cossey  
Scott Nephew

John Donohue  
Tracy Price  
Kyle Lang

John Woods  
Mike Iturrino  
Donna Watton

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

**Emergency Evacuation Instructions**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Upcoming Events**

2/21-25 No School - Winter Break  
3/21/22 2 Hour Delayed Start for Students/Professional Development for Staff  
3/15/22 Regular Board of Education Meeting  
4/13/22 Regular Board of Education Meeting/Budget Adoption

**Public Participation**

**Consent Agenda**

MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to approve the consent agenda items 1 through and including 10;

1. **Agenda as Stands**
  - 1.1. February 15, 2022
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - 2.1. January 20, 2022 (Enc.)
3. **Treasurer's Report** (Enc.)
4. **Schedule of Bills** (Enc.)
5. **Revised Audit Corrective Action Plan (Year Ending June 30, 2020 & June 30, 2021)**(Enc.)
6. **Create the following Reserve Funds** (Enc.)
  - 6.1. Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund - ERS, in the amount of \$225,000
  - 6.2. Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund - TRS, in the amount of \$125,000
  - 6.3. Insurance Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$150,000
7. **Extra Classroom Funds Report** (Enc.)
8. **CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations** (Enc.)
9. **Donation/Grant**
  - 9.1. \$200 to the Ticonderoga School District from Paul Willis
  - 9.2. \$250 to the Jr. Sr. High School for the Youth and Government Conference from the Ticonderoga Alumni Association (Sentinel Support Fund)
  - 9.3. \$2,000 grant for a HD projector for Spanish class from Adirondack Foundation - Adirondack Foreign Language Enhancement Fund
10. **Personnel** (Enc.)
  - 10.1. **Appointment**
    - 10.1.1. Karen Cook - Bus Driver - Effective March 2, 2022
    - 10.1.2. Suzanne Tucker - Bus Driver - Effective March 2, 2022
    - 10.1.3. Therese Sharkey - Teacher Aide - Effective March 2, 2022
    - 10.1.4. Melissa Fuller - Food Service Helper - Effective March 2, 2022
  - 10.2. **Probationary Appointment**
    - 10.2.1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year, Joanna Knight, is hereby appointed to the position of 1:1 Teacher Aide for a probation period commencing on February 7, 2022. At a salary of \$14,369 based on Step 1 (to be prorated) for the 2021-22 school year.

- 10.2.2. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year, Meegan Shaw, is hereby appointed to the position of 1:1 Teacher Aide for a probation period commencing on February 7, 2022. At a salary of \$14,369 based on Step 1 (to be prorated) for the 2021-22 school year.
- 10.2.3. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Brian Ledger, is hereby appointed to the position of Mechanic/Bus Driver for a probationary period commencing on or before March 21, 2022. Salary is \$49,188, based on Step 20 (Mechanic) and \$11,264, based on Step 1 (Bus Driver), salary for the 2021-2022 school year will be prorated.
- 10.3. **Resignation**
  - 10.3.1. Ricky Merrill - Assistant Principal - Resignation - Effective June 30, 2022
- 10.4. **Non-Instructional Termination**
  - 10.4.1. Masie Mosier - Food Service Helper - Effective February 16, 2022
- 10.5. **District Volunteer Drivers for the 2021-2022 School Year**
  - 10.5.1. Nancy Rich
- 10.6. **Substitute/Temp On Call Employee**
  - 10.6.1. Michelle Holman - Food Service Helper
  - 10.6.2. Teena O'Connor - Food Service Helper
  - 10.6.3. Grace Bresnahan - Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Aide

**Motion Carried: 9-0-1** (Mr. Rich abstained from 10.5)

**New Business**

- 11. **Establish New Graduation Award/Scholarship (Enc.)**  
MOTION BY MRS. LENHART, SECONDED BY MR. WELLS, to approve establishing the Friends Comforting Friends graduation scholarship.  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 12. **Coxsackie-Athens 2022-2023 Intermunicipal Agreement for Labor Relations Services (Enc.)**  
MOTION BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, SECONDED BY MR. LEERKES, to authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools and Board President to sign the agreement.  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 13. **Warren County Board of Elections Memorandum of Understanding for 2022 (Enc.)**  
MOTION BY MRS. LENHART, SECONDED BY MR. LEERKES, to authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 14. **Municipal Cooperation Agreement with Crown Point Central School District (Enc.)**  
MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. WELLS, to authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to sign the agreement.  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 15. **Honorary Diploma (Enc.)**  
MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MR. DEDRICK, to authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to issue an Honorary High School Diploma to Richard W. Jordan who left High School while attending Hague CSD to enter the Korean War and was killed during battle.  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 16. **BOCES Cooperative Purchasing**  
MOTION BY MRS. LENHART, SECONDED BY MR. WELLS, to award the following bids from the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Cooperative Bids for 2022-23 school year:  

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Heating Fuel (JSHS)	Adirondack Energy	\$2.6922 (fixed)
Heating Fuel (ES)	MX Petroleum	\$.2101 (fluctuating)
Gasoline	MX Petroleum	\$.3674 (fluctuating)
ULSD	Adirondack Energy	\$3.0422 (fixed)

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 17. **Budget Time Table 2022-2023 (Enc.)**  
MOTION BY MR. RICH, SECONDED BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, to approve Budget Time Table for 2022-2023.  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**
- 18. **Policies for Review/Adoption**  
MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. WELLS, to adopt reviewed policy.
- 18.1. **Policy 6805 Authorization for Temporary Appointments by Superintendent (Enc.)**  
Review 1/20/22, Adopt 2/15/22  

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Concluding Reports and Remarks**

- 19. **Superintendent's Reports/Remarks**  
Superintendent's Update - Cynthia Ford-Johnston  
Operations & Maintenance Report (Enc.)  
Technology Report (Enc.)  
Transportation Report (Enc.)  
Elementary School Activities Report (Enc.)  
Jr. Sr. High School Activities Report (Enc.)

20. **Board Discussion**

- Eric Rich - Indoor Track had 4 section champions
- Robert Dedrick - ParentSquare

**Public Participation**

- Donna Watton - Community Child Care
- Mike Iturrino - Music Department participated in the Honorary Diploma Celebration/service and Local Child Care

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

MOTION BY MRS. CROSS-BAKER, SECONDED BY MR. LEERKES, to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for discussion on: Negotiations & Pending Litigation.

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Reconvene**

MOTION BY MR. DEDRICK, SECONDED BY MR. LEERKES, to reconvene regular session at 7:26 p.m..

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Adjournment**

MOTION BY MR. LEERKES, SECONDED BY MR. RICH, to adjourn meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

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Erin Hamel, District Clerk