

**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**Thousand Islands Board of Education**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**  
**MS/HS Library**



Members Present: President, Bruce Mason  
Erin Aubertine  
Jenny Bach  
Shawn Cherchio  
Brooke Roes  
Daniel Ward  
Tim "Tucker" Wiley

Also present: Michael Bashaw, Jr., Superintendent  
Angela Picunas, Business Manager  
Jessica Steblen, BOE Secretary & District Clerk  
Kenny Garnsey, Building & Grounds Director  
Lisa Freitag, GES Principal  
Lisa Ingerson, Sand Bay 6-8 Principal

President Mason called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Bashaw presented a proposal from Verizon for a land lease to place a cell tower on school grounds. He explained that the location of initial proposal is unacceptable but would like to gauge interest of the BOE in moving forward. Further discussion weighed pros vs. cons, as well as referencing property maps in considering an alternate location. It was decided to proceed in moving forward with Verizon to obtain more information.

**Business, Finance and Property:**

Motion by Dan Ward, second by Erin Churchill, to approve the following:

- Contract between Jefferson Lewis BOCES and TICSD for Cooperative Educational Services for the 2023-2024 school year- enclosure.

Acknowledged Legal Notice for sale of 2016 X754 John Deere Tractor.

After a brief discussion, vote was taken; all voting aye.

**7:0**

**Personnel:**

Motion by Erin Churchill, second by Jenny Bach, to approve the following:

- **Ryan Gosson-** Appointment as 1.0 FTE Physical Education teacher, in the tenure area of Physical Education, at a salary of M Step 8, with benefits consistent with the TIEA contract, with a three-year probationary period effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026 (tentative), pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and § 3012-d, pending criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Morgan Voorhees-** Appointment as 1.0 FTE Elementary Art teacher, in the tenure area of Art, at a salary of M, Step 1, with benefits consistent with the TIEA contract, with a four-year probationary period effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2027 (tentative), pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and § 3012-d, pending criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Lynn Bashaw-** Term Appointment as .5 FTE Special Education teacher, in the tenure area of Special Education, at a salary of M Step 34, with benefits consistent with the TIEA contract, effective September 1,

2023 to June 30, 2024 pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and § 3012-d, pending criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.

- **Abigail Duffy**- Appointment as long-term substitute Elementary Teacher, in the tenure area of Music, with a salary of B6 Step 1, effective September 5, 2023- December 4, 2023.
- Appointment of Stipends for the 2023-2024 school year per CSEA contract:
  - **Stacy Natali**, Night Supervisor, effective July 1, 2023.
  - **Thomas Thayer Jr.**, Building Check per Campus, effective July 1, 2023.
  - **Thomas Thayer Jr.**, Certified Pool Maintenance, effective July 19, 2023.

Motion by Dan Ward, second by Erin Churchill to move to Executive Session to discuss specific persons, student and personnel related matters. Vote was taken, all voting aye. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. **7:0**

The Board reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Shawn Cherchio second by Tucker Wiley to adjourn the meeting. Vote was taken; all voting aye. **7:0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Date

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Clerk