

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thousand Islands Central School District
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
MS/HS Library



Members Present: President, Bruce Mason
Vice-President, Carolyn Delaney
Erin Aubertine
Jenny Bach
Shawn Chercio
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
Daniel Hammond, Sand Bay 9-12 Principal
Chelsea Nohle, BES Principal

President Mason called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Erin Churchill, second by Carolyn Delaney to enter executive session to discuss specific persons and Personnel related matters. Vote was taken, all voting aye. The Board entered executive session at 6:04 p.m. **6:0**

The board reconvened at 6:41 p.m.

Presentations

Mike Friscina attended the meeting to update the BOE on behalf of Ashley McGraw and presented a slide show with two options/schemes for Phase 2 at the Sand Bay campus, including layouts for the main entry, cafeteria, and kitchen. Both are holistic improvements to the spaces and absolutely necessary, and while they are not just an atheistic update they will definitely serve that purpose as well. Both options will open up these areas for use and appeal to students, staff and community!

Administrators reported on Open House, Opening Day and the first week of school. The consensus across the district was that it was all great! All District Staff gathered at the Sand Bay for opening day and kicked off the school year with a scavenger hunt activity where randomly comprised teams explored the campus, got to know each other (better) and shared countless laughs and smiles. Open house nights were well attended at all of the buildings. The first week of school has also been considered a success by all. It is a shared hope that this momentum continues throughout the year!

Business and Finance

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

- Minutes of August 15, 2023 meetings.
- Approve surplus of school furniture and materials.
- Appointment of **Karen Bourcy** as Tax Collector for the 2023-2024 school year
- Approval of Town of Clayton Recreation Park contract covering 2023-2024 ice rental- enclosure.
- Acknowledgement of receipt of Warrant Reports, July & August.

Vote was taken, all voting aye. **6:0**

Personnel

Motion by Carolyn Delaney, second by Tucker Wiley to approve the following:

- **Jessica Merle**- Permanent Appointment as Typist, at a salary of \$19.50/hour, 8.0 hours per day, excluding lunch, 260 days per year, with a 52-week probationary period, and benefits consistent with the CSEA contract, effective September 11, 2023.
- **Jennie Bond**- Resignation as Food Service Worker, for purpose of retirement with last day of employment being January 27, 2024.
- **Stacey Failing**- Resignation as Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2023.
- **Michael Campany**- Appointment of as Teacher Aide at an hourly rate of \$16.20 for 7.0 hours per day with benefits consistent with the CSEA contract, effective September 18, 2023, with a 52-week probationary period.
- **Susan Kelley**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate consistent with the Hourly Compensation Sheet, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Chenoa Reynolds**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate consistent with the Hourly Compensation Sheet, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Caitlin Blacksten**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate consistent with the Hourly Compensation Sheet, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Janee Burdick**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher Aide, Substitute Food Service Substitute for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate consistent with the Hourly Compensation Sheet, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Mikael Ann Melfi**- Advance on Teacher Salary Schedule to B18 Step 2, effective September 4, 2023.
- **Rhonda Spencer**- Advance on Teacher Salary Schedule to M18 Step 32, effective September 4, 2023.
- **Lisa Ingerson**- Revise appointment as District-wide Administrator to include carry over of all benefits received as a teacher (to take the place of 50 sick days BOE, approved July 5, 2023).
- **Melissa Balk**- Rescind appointment as Whiz Quiz Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year
- **Rhonda Spencer**-Rescind appointment as mentor for Alana Hoover, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Ed Oliver**-Rescind appointment as mentor for Reagan Becker, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Appointment of Mentors/Mentees for the 2023-2024 school year per TIEA contract:
 - **Ed Oliver / Sabrina Burns**, year 1 of 2
 - **Katie Varga / Reagan Becker**, year 2 of 2.
 - **Heather Lavarney / Alana Hoover**, year 1 of 2.
- **Tim Bashaw, Barry Roesh**- Appointment as Whiz Quiz Co-Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Kevin Denecke**- Appointment as Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2023-2024 Fall Sports Season.
- **Kyle Gorman**- Appointment as Boys Varsity Football Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2023-2024 Fall Sports Season.
- **Deanna Hughes**- Appointment as Substitute Lifeguard for the 2023-2024 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2023.
- **Genevieve Cartaya**- Appointment as Substitute Student Lifeguard for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Bailey Drake**- Appointment as Substitute Student Lifeguard for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Joy Rhinebeck**-Acknowledge reduction of hours from 6.5 to 6 for the 2023-2024 school year
- **Wendi Ward**- Approve increase in hours from 1.5 to 7 hours as Teacher Aide, at current Teacher Aide salary, with benefits consistent with CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2023, and acknowledgement of resignation as food service worker.
- **Rosalie Wahl**- Appoint as Food Service Worker, at a salary of \$15.26/hour for 5 hours per day, 180 days per year, with benefits consistent with the CSEA contract, effective September 18, 2023 with a 52-week probationary period.
- **Ann Major-Stevenson**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.

- **Caralyn Sanford**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Stacey Richardson**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- Acknowledgement of issuance of criminal clearance from the New York State Department of Education for the following individuals: **Christine Spinner, Jessica Merle, Sabrina Burns, and Morgan Voorhees.**

Vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Superintendent Report

Mr. Bashaw reported that the district has been contacted to participate in a class action lawsuit against social media on the basis of adverse effects to students' mental health. The Board agreed that the district should pursue the matter further in obtaining information about participation. Mr. Bashaw also gave a brief update, sharing information that was finally released by NYS as a beginning guide for the transition to electric buses.

Students and Programs

Motion by Carolyn Delaney, second by Tucker Wiley to approve the following:

- Approve request by Alexandria Central School District to combine with TICSD in the sport of Football for the 2023-2024 school year at a fee of \$250 per participant at the Varsity level and \$125 per participant at the Modified level.
- Approve Recommendations by Committee on Special Education.

Vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Carolyn Delaney acknowledged that the Thousand Islands' Class of 1973 collected \$2000.00 to provide a TI senior this year, and also another community-based donation of \$1,800.00 from the Nims family for youth lacrosse.

Motion by Tucker Wiley second by Carolyn Delaney to enter executive session to discuss specific persons and personnel related matters. Vote was taken, all voting aye. The Board entered executive session at 8:16 p.m.

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The board reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Motion by Tucker Wiley, second by Carolyn Delaney to approve the following:

- **Thomas Thayer**- Increase in hourly rate by \$.70, Retroactive July 1, 2023.

Vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Motion by Tucker Wiley, second by Erin Churchill to approve the following:

- **Joe Hughes**- Appointment as Interim Dean of Students at a per diem rate of \$326.00/day, effective September 5, 2023.

Vote was taken, **OPPOSED**: Delaney

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Motion by Jenny Bach, second by Erin Churchill to adjourn the meeting. Vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Date

Clerk