

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thousand Islands Central School District
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
MS/HS Library



Members Present: President, Bruce Mason
Vice President, Carolyn Delaney
Shawn Cherchio
Brooke Roes
Erik Swenson
Tim “Tucker” Wiley (5:04)

Also Present: Michael Bashaw, Jr., Superintendent
Angela Picunas, Business Manager
Jessica Steblen, BOE Secretary & District Clerk
Lisa Freitag, GES Principal
Chelsea Nohle, BES Pricipal
Lisa Ingerson, TIMS Principal
Daniel Hammond, TIHS Principal
Kenny Garnsey, Building & Grounds

President Mason called the meeting to order at 5:00 and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Allison Mullarney presented a proposed trip for the French/Foreign Language Department. Participating students would travel to Montreal and Quebec City for 5 days/4 nights with a full itinerary of cultural experiences. The trip is planned for April 18-22, 2024.

Motion by Erik Swenson, second by Tucker Wiley, to approve the presented trip.
After a brief discussion, vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Nick Signorelli and Mike Frisina, Ashley McGraw, shared a slideshow presentation with plans, drawings, and generated photos to highlight the design and functionality of the cafeteria and corridor changes in the upcoming capital project.

Business, Finance, and Property

Angela Picunas presented the 2024-2025 Draft Budget.

Motion by Erik Swenson, second by Shawn Cherchio, to approve the following:

- Approve Minutes of January 16, 2024 meeting.
- Acknowledge receipt of Warrant Reports for January 2024.
- Approve Treasurer’s Reports and Statement of Savings for December 2023 - enclosure.
- Approve Claims Auditing Reports for December 1, 2023-December 31, 2023- enclosure.
- Approve Surplus Items.
- Award 2023-2024 Capital Outlay Project, based on low bid, to SC Spencer for the base bid and all three alternates for a total award of \$105,450.00- enclosure.
- Award Atlantic Testing Laboratories as air monitoring firm, based on low bid, for Phase 1 of the 2022 Capital Reconstruction Project- enclosure.

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

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Personnel

Motion by Brooke Roes, second by Tucker Wiley, to approve the following:

- **Margaret Berry-** Resignation as School Psychologist, with last day of work being March 1, 2024.
- **Alana Hoover-** Advance on Teacher Salary Schedule to B6 Step 1, effective January 22, 2024.
- **Mikael Ann Melfi-** Advance on Teacher Salary Schedule to B30 Step 2, effective January 22, 2024.
- **Tina Bourcy-** Approve Increase daily hours, as food service helper, from 4.5 to 6.0 effective February 14, 2024.
- **Dondra Liebman-** Approve Increase daily hours, as food service helper, from 4.5 to 6.0 effective February 14, 2024.
- **Deborah White-** Appointment as food service helper, at a salary of \$15.26/hour for 5 hours per day, with benefits consistent with the CSEA contract, effective February 14, 2024, with a 52-week probationary period.

- **Chenoa Reynolds**- Appointment as Substitute Food Service Worker for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, effective January 19, 2024.
- **Jennifer Wiley**- Appointment as Substitute Food Service Worker for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, effective February 5, 2024.
- **Donna Colvin**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Jennie Bond**- Appointment as Substitute Food Service Helper for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Logan Coggins**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Renzi Youngs**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Katherine Thompson**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher/Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Alan Wood**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Megan Matthews**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Casey Hutchins**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **William Solar**- Appointment as Modified Lacrosse Coach (2) for the 2023-2024 Spring Sports Season.
- **Courtney Montrois**- Acknowledge issuance of criminal clearance from the New York State Department of Education.
- **Pamela Sawyer**- Resignation as Teacher Aide, for the purpose of retirement with the last day of employment being June 30, 2024.
- **Mariah Turner**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Anita James**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher/Tutor for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Dawn Knowlden**- Appointment as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.

After no further discussion, vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bashaw shared some information from NYS test rankings, highlighting that T.I. was first in both Algebra 2 and Geometry! He also reported that after a recent meeting with NYS State Police, Jefferson County Sherriff, and safety representatives from BOCES, the district will be moving forward in installing Knox Boxes on all three campuses to potentially assist law enforcement and emergency response. Superintendent Bashaw and Mrs. Picunas met with Mark Walczyk this week to discuss current hot topics in NYS education such as funding cuts, electric buses, and the salary cap waiver. They also plan to meet Friday with Scott Gray as a follow-up.

Students and Programs

Motion by Erik Swenson, second by Carolyn Delaney to approve the following:

- Approve recommendations by Committee of Special Education for meetings held on January 16, 2024, January 23, 2024, January 30, 2024 and February 1, 2024.
- Approve Non-resident Enrollment Request for Olivia Varga for the 2024-2025 school year.

After no further discussion, vote was taken, all voting aye.

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Motion by Tucker Wiley second by Shawn Cherchio to enter executive session to discuss specific persons and personnel related matters. Vote was taken, all voting aye. The Board entered executive session at 6:58 p.m.

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The board reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Erik Swenson, second by Tucker Wiley to adjourn the meeting. Vote was taken, all voting aye.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Date

Clerk