

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thousand Islands Central School District
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
MS/HS Library



Members Present: President, Bruce Mason
Vice President, Carolyn Delaney
Jenny Bach (5:02 p.m.)
Shawn Cherchio
Erin Churchill (5:04)
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

The Vocal Music Instructor and Choral Director, Collin Zehr, presented a proposal for an optional 2-day trip to New York City to be attended by interested High School Select Choir and World Language students. His presentation included a projected itinerary with visits to Maman Bakery, a Spanish cooking class, Moulin Rouge Broadway Show, Art museums, and Little Spain Market.

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

8:0

Mrs. Freitag reported 2022-2023 Assessment Data on behalf of the elementary schools. This comparative report of regional districts showed very impressive results for Thousand Islands, where we are consistently leading in participation rates and at the front of the pack with testing scores. Mrs. Freitag also explained the elementary level’s structured cohesive literacy program and curriculum in relation to the Science of Reading research, which was highlighted in the educational “Back to Basics” part of Gouverneur Hochul’s State of the State speech. Mr. Hammond spoke for the Sand Bay campus, beginning with the statement that the regent’s exam and results are the cumulative efforts of the district as a whole. Likely, the positive trends are the same as our other assessments, regionally as well as the state. Mr. Hammond and Mrs. Ingerson also reported a significant decline in disciplinary issues /referral data this year, almost cut in half from the 2022-2023 school year!

Mr. Garnsey gave a brief Building and Grounds report, explaining that his crew is conducting some itemization, organizing and purging of dated items and storage areas. He expects a significant surplus of older items as they make room that will be needed/utilized during the beginning phases of the capital project. He also reported that his crew alongside Mr. Benner, have installed 6 addition vape detectors on the campus.

Tucker Wiley left the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Business, Finance, and Property

Motion by Erin Churchill, second by Erik Swenson, to approve the following:

- Approve Minutes of December 19, 2023 meeting.
- Acknowledge receipt of Warrant Reports for December 2023.
- Approve Treasurer’s Reports and Statement of Savings for March 2023-November 2023.

• Approve MOA for election services between Jefferson County Board of Elections and TICSD- enclosure.
After a brief discussion, vote was taken, all voting aye. **7:0**

Personnel

Motion by Carolyn Delaney, second by Jenny Bach, to approve the following:

- **Jackob Clement-** Appointment as Auto Mechanic Helper at an hourly rate of \$21.53 for 8.0 hours per day excluding lunch, with benefits consistent with the CSEA contract, effective January 8, 2024, with a 52-week probationary period, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Sydney Mayne-** Appointment as long-term substitute as Elementary Art Teacher, approximately February 9, 2024 - May 3, 2024, at a salary per Hourly Compensation Schedule.
- **Taylor Kieffer-** Approve Advance on Teacher Salary Schedule to M Step 3, effective December 25, 2023.
- Acknowledge issuance of criminal clearance from the New York State Department of Education for the following individuals: **Wendi Ward** and **Kelly Capson**.

After no further discussion, vote was taken, all voting aye. **7:0**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bashaw shared a plaque received in the mail from Alexandria Central, extending their gratitude for "neighborly hospitality and generosity in sharing your facilities with our athletic teams".

Mr. Bashaw spoke briefly on educational points from the Governor's State of the State speech, specifically breaking news that funding will decrease this year and further that the budget cut for our district alone will be over a million dollars. He ended his Superintendent's Report sharing progress on his goals for this school year.

Students and Programs

Motion by Jenny Bach, second by Erik Swenson, to approve the following:

- Approve recommendations by Committee of Special Education for meetings held on December 14, 2023, December 15, 2023, December 18, 2023, December 21, 2023, January 2, 2024, January 4, 2024, January 8, 2024, and January 9, 2024.

After no discussion, vote was taken, all voting aye. **7:0**

Motion by Erik Swenson second by Jenny Bach to enter executive session to discuss specific persons and personnel related matters. Vote was taken, all voting aye. The Board entered executive session at 5:56 p.m. **7:0**

The board reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Erik Swenson, second by Erin Churchill to adjourn the meeting. Vote was taken, all voting aye. **7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Date

Clerk