

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thousand Islands Central School District
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
MS/HS Library



Members Present: President, Bruce Mason
 Vice President, Carolyn Delaney
 Jennifer “Jenny” Bach
 Erin Churchill
 Shawn Cherchio
 Brooke Roes
 Erik Swenson

Also Present: Michael Bashaw, Jr., Superintendent
 Angela Picunas, Business Manager
 Jessica Steblen, BOE Secretary & District Clerk
 Chelsea Nohle, BES Principal
 Lisa Freitag, GES Principal
 Lisa Ingerson, MS Principal
 Dan Hammond, HS Principal
 Kenny Garnsey, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
 Dina Jareo, Transportation Supervisor

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

Dina Jareo presented a Transportation Department update detailing inventory of the school bus/vehicle fleet including a replacement schedule. She also reported current conditions with drivers and substitutes, daily bus runs, and trips like extracurricular and sporting events, and field trips. Finally, Mrs. Jareo shared information from a recent district meeting with Cornice with more about the transition to electric buses and necessary infrastructure. This company provides district assessments based on electrical infrastructure capability, bus runs, and area (size of district and routes), which will assist us in reporting our progress to the State Education Department this summer.

Business, Finance, and Property:

Budget Update, Angela Picunas reported that the fund balance is healthy but insisted that the district must be ready and prepare for when foundation aide is cut, and further that a decrease is unavoidable in successive years. Mrs. Picunas provided a handout with a budget break down itemizing percentages expended to staff/benefits, expenses, revenue, fund balance and the current tax cap (0.0%).

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

- Approve Minutes of February 13, 2024 meeting.
- Acknowledge receipt of Warrant Reports for February 2024.
- Approve Treasurer’s Reports and Statement of Savings for January 2024 - enclosure.
- Approve Claims Auditing Reports for January 1, 2024-January 31, 2024 and Claims Auditing Reports for February 1, 2024-February 29, 2024.
- Approve contract for Health and Welfare Services between Watertown CSD and TICSD for students attending parochial schools for the 2023-2024 school year- enclosure.
- Approve Agreement with S.C. Spencer Electric, Inc. for services for the capital outlay project- enclosure.
- Approve Building and Grounds Surplus Items.
- Approve Surplus of outdated textbooks.
- Award bids for Phase 1 of the \$23,000,000 Capital Improvement Project as follows:

Award Type	Contractor	Bid Award Amount Including Selected Alternates
Abatement	Kascon, LLC	\$ 774,000
Sitework	Barret Paving Materials, Inc.	\$ 761,205
General Construction	Dow Electric, Inc	\$1,815,600
HVAC	Ontario HVAC	\$4,037,100

Electrical	ENI Mechanical, Inc.	\$1,014,140
Automation Controls	Siemens	\$ 192,232

- Approve contract between TICSD and Siemens Industry, Inc. for Desigo Migration Software, to be included in the 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Project- enclosure.

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

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Personnel:

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

- Appointment of three vote workers for May 21, 2024 at a compensation of \$150 for the entire voting timeframe: **Kimberli Johnston, Karen Bourcy, and Tom Augliano.**
- **Joelle Hains-** Appointment as Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Kathleen Merchant-** Appointment as Substitute as Clerical/Teacher Aide for the 2023-2024 school year, pending issuance of criminal clearance by the New York State Education Department.
- **Brian Coombs-** Appointment as Modified Boys Baseball Coach (2) for the 2023-2024 Spring Sports Season.
- Approve the following Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2023-2024 Spring Sports Season:

Varsity Lacrosse	Jeremy Jenis
Modified Lacrosse	Chris Symenow Michael Lonsberry
Modified Baseball	Sandy Coombs
Varsity Baseball	Geoff Peters
Varsity Softball	Erik Swenson

- **Chase Vandermark-** Approve as Volunteer Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2023-2024 Spring Sports Season.

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

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Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bashaw provided dates to “give back” unused snow days to the 2023-2024 instructional calendar, to include; April 8th, May 24th, May 28th, June 24th, June 25th, and June 26th to be a Superintendent’s Day. He then led a conversation with the board about how the district will plan to prioritize and continue supplying initial start of school supplies to cut the cost for parents. Mr. Bashaw reported that Superintendent’s Day held on March 18, 2024 was productive across the district, including packing and moving at the elementary buildings in preparation for the start of the capital project, professional development, and staff/faculty meetings.

Students and Programs

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

- Approve Student Instructional Calendar for 2024-2025 school year.
- Approve Recommendations by Committee of Special Education for meetings held on February 6, 2024, February 13, 2024, February 15, 2024, February 27, 2024, March 5, 2025, March 7, 2024, and March 13, 2024.

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

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Motion by Carolyn Delaney 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 6:20 p.m.

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The board reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Carolyn Delaney, second by Brook Roes to adjourn the meeting. Vote was taken, all voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Date

Clerk