

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
100 HINDS STREET, TONAWANDA, NY 14150**

**AGENDA
JULY 6, 2020 – Minutes Draft**

REGULAR MEETING
*TSHS Library Media Center
TONAWANDA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
600 FLETCHER STREET*

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION MEETING

52.0 VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESOLUTIONS

52.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS

52.2 PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION #1

The Tonawanda Board of Education, in an effort to conduct district business in a timely fashion, and as part of its long-standing goal to maintain an open line of communication with the public, welcomes comments on topics relevant to the meeting and public education.

- Persons wishing to speak and be recognized by the **Board President** are to be courteous, respectful, well-prepared, non-repetitive and brief.
- All questions or comments should be addressed only to the **Board President** or to the **Superintendent**. No discussion of individual personnel matters will be discussed by the Board.
- Please state your name and address clearly for inclusion in the meeting Minutes. In the event any person wishes a response outside of the confines of a regular Board meeting, please leave all necessary contact information with the Clerk at the end of the meeting.
- Persons may address the Board of Education during one (1) separate sessions of the meeting for a total of twenty (20) minutes per session.
- Individuals may speak a total of three (3) minutes per speaker per session. The Board will adhere to this three (3) minute guideline in an effort to allow everyone an opportunity to speak who wishes to do so.
- The Board reserves its right to limit or expand upon these time limits as the Board may deem necessary and prudent.

53.0 MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2021

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of **June 22, 2021** of the Board of Education be approved and that they are hereby adopted in their entirety.

53.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Trustee Thorp and seconded by Trustee Koch, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Item 53.0 as presented. Approved 6-0, 1 abstention from Alicia who was not on the board at the time of the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

54.0 SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

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54.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

54.2 DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY PLAN

Presented by Amy Edgerton

Ms. Edgerton worked with Dennis Kwaczala at E1B, updating communicable disease response plan. The plan must include how to respond to any public health safety emergency. Worked with the union, had a time to comment, finished in March, plan in its entirety has to be a part of the

overall district plan. Worked with the city rescue teams in 2019 as they are all a part of the districtwide safety plan. There are also building safety plans on how to respond to situations. Tomorrow starts the public hearing, will close at the next board meeting. Will be publicly on the website tomorrow.

Ms. Scullion reported that summer school starts next Monday, will get lunch and breakfast, has 150 in secondary and 150 at elementary building

Ms. Donner was all set

Mr. Wasik reported Fletcher is almost cleared out. His team has moved thousands of pieces of equipment and furniture, it has come along really well. Things are really shaping up over at Fletcher.

Ms. Infante, nothing to report she was happy to be there.

Dr. Oldenburg reported that the big lifts are summer school and the closing of Fletcher and the logistical planning that goes into the moves and that demolition process. Formal groundbreaking ceremony will be later in the month. Moving forward in both of those areas, a lot of work in preparing for next year, professional development plan, new reading series and new curricular items, moving straight away.

Trustee Koch asked if busing is available for summer. Ms Scullion responded that it's available for grades K-5 and that Mullen is the only elementary building being used for Summer School.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

55.0 MANAGEMENT SERVICES

55.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS: NONE.

55.2 APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY –RIVERVIEW ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools designates instructional material from Riverview Elementary School as excess and obsolete for disposal.

55.3 APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY –MIDDLE SCHOOL ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools designates instructional material from Tonawanda Middle School as excess and obsolete for disposal.

55.4 APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY – FLETCHER ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and in light of the temporary closing of Fletcher Elementary School hereby declares that the desks, chairs, tables, furniture, kitchen equipment, and lockers, to the extent that they will not be used as part of the reconstruction of such building be declared surplus and the Superintendent, or his designee, is authorized to contract with Cash Auctions with respect to the sale, removal, and disposal of same upon such terms as may be reasonable and prudent.

55.5 APPROVE MONETARY DONATION ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools approves the acceptance of \$70 from Network for Good for the Tonawanda High School Scholarship.

55.6 APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FROM INTERNAL RISK AUDIT ENC.

Resolved: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the Corrective Action Plan for the Internal Risk Assessment by Lumsden McCormick for the year ending June 30, 2020

55.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: FINANCIAL REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Trustee Koch and seconded by Vice President Opalinski that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Management Services Items 54.1 through 54.6 as presented. Approve 7-0 and carried.

56.0 INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

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RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/UNPAID LEAVES/TENURE/ETC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Board Actions, **pending official clearance by the New York State Commission of Education of fingerprint/background check WHERE APPLICABLE** and upon successful completion of probationary period, where applicable. For new teacher hires, it is hereby further resolved that such probationary expiration date shall depend upon their individual APPR ratings and in order to receive tenure they must receive overall APPR ratings of effective or highly effective in at least three of four preceding years prior to the grant of tenure. It is further resolved that if they receive an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in their final year of probation, they shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Item No.	Name	Position/Tenure Area/ Certification	BOE ACTION REQUESTED	Step Level/Degree/Effective Date(s) Italics/Highlighted - Correction
56.1	Pamela Korff	Summer School Teacher Assistant - Mullen	Approve as Summer Appointment	\$21.50 per hour
56.2	Judith Thompson	Summer School Teacher Assistant - Mullen	Approve as Summer Appointment	\$21.50 per hour
56.3	Celia Mehm	Summer School Teacher Assistant - Mullen	Approve as Summer Appointment	\$21.50 per hour
56.4	Leanne Smyers-Downey	Summer School Teacher - Middle School - ELA	Approve Appointment	\$49.63 per hour
56.5	Meredith Zimmer	Music/Chorus Teacher - Middle School	Accept Resignation	Effective July 25, 2021
56.6	Jessica Lamphier	Speech Language Pathologist	Accept Resignation	Effective August 29, 2021

56.0.1. CONSENT AGENDA: INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

Moved by Trustee Koch and seconded by Trustee Thorp that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Instruction Personnel Action Items 56.1 through 56.6 as presented and amended. Approved 7-0 and carried.

57.0 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/UNPAID LEAVES/ETC.

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Board Actions, **pending official clearance by the New York State Commission of Education of fingerprint/background check as applicable** and upon successful completion of probationary period where applicable. The Board of Education

also approves the **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT** of all substitute additions as listed on the attachment(s) for a period not to exceed twenty (20) calendar days.56.4

Item No.	Name	Position/Tenure Area/ Certification	BOE ACTION REQUESTED	Step Level/Degree/Effective Date(s) <i>Italics/Highlighted - Correction</i>
57.1	Michelle Siebert	Summer School Principal - Full Time	Approve as Summer School Principal - Elementary	\$2,500
57.2	Diana Nigro	Building Principal - Mullen	Approve Resignation	Effective July 12, 2021

57.0.1. CONSENT AGENDA: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

Moved by Trustee Koch and seconded by Trustee Thorp, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Instruction Personnel Action Items 57.1 through 57.2 as presented. Approve 7-0 and carried.

58.0 CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

58.1 COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

NONE

58.2 ADOPTION OF DISTRICT 2021-2022 SAFETY PLAN

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves adoption of the 2021-2022 Tonawanda City Schools District-Wide School Safety Plan.

58.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION – CSE MEETINGS

Moved by Trustee Calabrese and seconded by Trustee Schmutzler that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Item 58.1 and 58.2 as presented. Approve 7-0 and carried.

Vice President Opalinski said that the safety plan is really wonderful, have really thought of everything and thanked all that worked on it.

59.0 OTHER

59.1 NOMINATION OF NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools nominates **Linda R. Hoffman**, residing at 11805 Snyder Road, Springville, New York as a candidate for the Area 1 Director to NYSSBA.

59.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: NOMINATION OF NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Moved by Trustee Schmutzler and seconded by Trustee Koch that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Item 59.1 as presented. Approve 7-0 and carried.

60.0 ATTENDANCE REPORT

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- 60.1 June 2021
60.2 September 2020 – June 2021

61.0 BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**NONE****62.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUND-UP**

The Tonawanda Board of Education members would like to take an opportunity to share news regarding the school district since the prior Board of Education Meeting, (*i.e.: Board of Education school visits or school events*)

Ms. Schmutzler would like to add an item to New Business, would like to add a board retreat to discuss ethics and goals for early September.

Mr. Thorp, had nothing to add.

Ms. Koch, Thanked Dr. Oldenburg for the Warrior Walk at Fletcher. She reported that 160 signed up to walk the building before demo. It was very well done by the historian. She congratulated Ms. Sternin and Ms. Opalinski on their nominations. She reported that as a collective they have a lot of work ahead and thanked Ms. Reynolds for a great agenda.

Mr. Calabrese reported that he took the tour of Fletcher and found it very interesting, there was lots of history there. He also attended graduation and said it was a very nice event. He would like to add to New Business, request through the Superintendent to get a copy of the contractor's schedule for the project, would also like to get a monthly update on the project, either written or verbal, and would like to schedule tours of the temporary classrooms. Dr. Oldenburg agreed to all of the requests. Mr. Calabrese added that he would like a report on the standardized testing for this past year and lastly would like a list of the district personnel openings. Dr. Oldenburg agreed on all requests.

Ms. Opalinski attended graduation said it was a wonderful and Ms. Sternin did a wonderful job. Ms. Sternin reported that graduation was great everyone worked really hard on it and worked hard all year. She wanted to give kudos to the tech department, couldn't have done anything without them this year. Everything has really seemed to come through very smoothly compared to other districts, and is very proud of all the work everyone has done.

Ms. O'Donnell wanted to thank Ron Wasik and his team, it has been an unbelievable project to get Fletcher cleared out and there was a firm timeline on that. She was in on the interview for Ms. Nigro and is really disappointed to see her resignation on the agenda. Ms. O'Donnell wanted to know if an exit survey or interview is completed when people resign as she has some concerns with the retention of staff

Dr. Oldenburg reported that there is not a formal exit interview process at this point. He does meet with people depending on the uniqueness of the situation. He has met informally with some that have resigned, there isn't a formal process for that at this point.

63.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - (*Proposed - Personnel*)

Moved by Vice President Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Thorp that, the Board of Education moves into Executive Session at 6:42 P.M. for the purpose of personnel discussion.

Moved by Trustee Koch and seconded by Trustee Thorp that, the Board of Education exits Executive Session at 8:04 P.M.

64.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Koch and seconded by Vice President Opalinski that the Board of education adjourns the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jillian Reynolds
District Clerk