

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

**AGENDA ~ Minutes  
June 13, 2022**

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
*Tonawanda HS Library Media Center  
600 Fletcher Street*

**6:00 PM**

***Special Session of the Board of Education – Board Of Education Vacancy***

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

The Special meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Heather Sternin. The pledge was observed.

Roll Call: President Heather Sternin, Vice President Danielle Opalinski, Trustee Daniel Calabrese, Trustee Kristin Schmutzler, Trustee Jeff Thorp.

There were approximately 10 people in attendance

Administrators present: Dr. Timothy Oldenburg Superintendent of Schools, Mary Beth Scullion Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Amy Edgerton Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

**2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2022 ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of **June 7, 2022** of the Board of Education be approved and that they are hereby adopted in their entirety.

**2.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

Moved by Trustee Jeff Thorp and seconded by Trustee Daniel Calabrese, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above minutes, Items 2.1 as presented. 5-0, Motion Carried.

**3.0 NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 Discussion: Board Of Education Vacancy**

President Heather Sternin: I would like to make a motion to appoint Betsy Koch to Alicia O'Donnell's vacant seat.

Motion was created by President Heather Sternin, Seconded by Vice President Danielle Opalinski that the Board of Education appoints Elizabeth Koch to fulfill Alicia O'Donnell's vacant seat. 3-0 in favor, Trustee Kristin Schmutzler and Trustee Jeff Thorp opposed. Motion was carried based on majority.

#### 4.0 ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

- 4.1 Administer Oath to newly elected Board member by District Clerk, if necessary

Oath was administered to Elizabeth Koch to fulfill the vacancy of Alicia O'Donnell's seat. She will fulfill a 1 year term ending June 30, 2023, and can run for election in May. There will be three open seats for the May 2023 election. Two seats will be three year terms expiring in 2026 and the other seat will expire in 2024 which is what is left from Alicia O'Donnell's term.

#### 5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – (*Proposed – Personnel*)

Moved by Vice President Danielle Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Daniel Calabrese that the Board of Education moves into Executive Session at 6:03 P.M. for the purpose of discussion regarding a personnel appointment. 6-0 Motion Carried.

Moved by Vice President Danielle Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Daniel Calabrese that the Board of Education exits Executive Session at 6:14 P.M. 6-0 Motion Carried.

#### 6.0 NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

##### 6.1 REDUCTION OF ONE (1) DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby abolishes **ONE (1) Director of Pupil Personnel Services** position effective August 31, 2022

##### 6.2 APPROVE CREATION OF ONE (1) DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby creates **ONE (1) Director of Special Education** position in the administrative tenure area of Director of Special Education effective August 15, 2022.

##### 6.3 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION –

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby appoints **Christa Young** to a four-year probationary appointment as Director of Special Education in the Director of Special Education tenure area effective August 15, 2022 through August 15, 2026.

##### 6.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Moved by Vice President Danielle Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Koch that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Non-Instructional Personnel Action Items 6.1 through 6.3 as presented. 6-0 Motion Carried.

Dr. Oldenburg wanted to introduce and present Christa Young as the new Director of Special Education, she comes to us with an accomplished career in education and leadership from KenTon. Began career path in KenTon as Teacher Assistant and grew from there. Most recently KenTon made her Director of Elementary Special Education. She has created and implemented student service initiatives. Fluent in special education laws. Experience in professional development delivery and supporting IEPs and 504 plans. Experience in trauma therapeutic care. Knowledge in technology integration. Some members of interview committee also were in the audience. Christa will be starting August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Christa wanted to thank everyone she is excited to join community and be a part of it, can't replace Amy, will give heart and leadership and all she can to the families. Has both of her sons with her, appreciate the warm welcome and excited to join Tonawanda.

## **7.0 OTHER**

### **7.1 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement with the City of Tonawanda with respect to the addition of a second School Resource Officer in the District effective July 1, 2022.

#### **7.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: OTHER – APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SRO**

Moved by Trustee Kristin Schmutzler and seconded by Trustee Daniel Calabrese, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of an additional School Resource Officer Item 7.1 as presented. 6-0 Motion Carried.

Trustee Kristin Schmutzler wanted to thank Dr. Oldenburg and the city for supporting this initiative.

## **8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – (*Proposed – TEA Negotiations*)**

Moved by Trustee Elizabeth Koch and seconded by Trustee Jeff Thorp that the Board of Education moves into Executive Session at 6:21 P.M. for the purpose of discussion regarding TEA negotiations. 6-0 Motion Carried.

Moved by Vice President Danielle Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Koch that the Board of Education exits Executive Session at 6:41 P.M. 6-0 Motion Carried.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Daniel Calabrese and seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Koch, that the Board of Education adjourns the special meeting at 6:42 PM. 6-0 Motion Carried.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING –July 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jillian Reynolds  
District Clerk