

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

**AGENDA ~ Minutes
NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

*THS Library Media Center
TONAWANDA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
600 FLETCHER STREET*

6:30 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

6:30 pm

President Sternin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge and a Moment of Silence was observed.

Roll Call: President Heather Sternin, Vice President Danielle Opalinski, Trustree Daniel Calabrese, Trustee Alicia O'Donnell, Trustee Kristin Schmutzler, Trustee Jeff Thorp, Trustee Elizabeth Koch was excused.

Administrators present included: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Oldenburg, Assistant Superintendent Mary Beth Scullion, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Amy Edgerton, Director of Business and Finance Donna Hill, Director of Technology Jessi Donner, Director of Facilities and Operations Ron Wasik, Acting Director of Athletics Renee Smith, Middle School Principal David Sellan, and High School Principal Michael Brown

Approximately 65 visitors in attendance

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2021

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of **October 12, 2021** of the Board of Education be approved and that they are hereby adopted in their entirety.

2.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Moved by Trustee Jeff Thorp and seconded by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above minutes, Item 2.1 as presented. 5 in Favor, 1 Abstention, Motion carried.

At 6:33 pm Trustee Kristin Schmutzler made a motion to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter. Motion was seconded by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell. All were favor, motion carried.

6:43 pm Vice President Danielle Opalinski made a motion to end Executive Session that was seconded by Trustee Jeff Thorp.

3.0 NEW/OLD BUSINESS

ENC.

Trustee Kristin Schmutzler reported that at the ECASB Legislative meeting, the wanted to discuss the top four goals and priorities of each Board. Discussed which goals Tonawanda wanted to focus on which included, Mental Health funding, Special Education Funding, Funding to increase Reserves and working with Legislatures to fix Foundation Aid.

President Sternin said we will never turn down more funding.
Old Items were removed from the New/Old Business List

4.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

NONE

5.0 VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESOLUTIONS

5.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS

5.2 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 two (2) 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.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 SMART SCHOOLS – Jessi Donner

6.2 ASSESSMENT DATA – Sarah Infante

Sarah Infante was excused and the presentation will be on next month's agenda.

6.3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Donner went over her presentation which included an overview of the Smart Schools proposal and what's to come.

President Sternin said it looks terrific and is very excited for what's coming, including the updated safety and security.

Dr. Oldenburg said it's happening at a good time with having the transition to a dual building campus and being able to be connected is very important. It will provide efficiencies and safety that will work well. Proud of what the committees have done so far. Happy to present.

Ron Wasik had nothing to report

Donna Hill had nothing to report

Jessi Donner commented on a 60% return rate on surveys will continue to get data from families

Amy Edgerton reported that Christmas for kids is December 18th. Emails went out to all Tona users, extend invite to the Board from 9-11 am in the large parking lot right off of Fletcher, similar to last year.

Mary Beth Scullion had nothing to report

Dr. Timothy Oldenburg commented on the Tona2020 project. There are time lapse videos on the website and will be sharing more tomorrow, can see the progress, receive monthly reports, on time and on budget, closely monitoring, what's been designed and what's happening is being delivered. Fall sports season is concluded, winter is underway. Theater team had a great production. Happy thanksgiving to everyone.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 MANAGEMENT SERVICES NONE

7.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS: ENC.

- 7.1.1 Treasurer's Report –September 2021
- 7.1.2 Payment of Bills as Certified by Auditor –September 2021
- 7.1.3 Revenues – September 2021 – \$7,389,344 (Year-to-date \$8,187,824)
- 7.1.4 Expenditures – September 2021 – \$967,628 (Year-to-date \$4,681,456)
- 7.1.5 Fund Balance Projection Report – September 2021
- 7.1.6 Delinquent Tax Report – None
- 7.1.7 School Lunch Program – None
- 7.1.8 Capital Fund – None
- 7.1.9 Trust and Agency – September 2021
- 7.1.10 Budget Transfers –September 2021 – \$0 (Year-to-date \$0)
- 7.1.11 Central Treasurer's Report – None
- 7.1.12 Wire Transfers and ACH Payments –September 2021
- 7.1.13 Claims Audit Report – September 2021

7.2 APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY – HIGH SCHOOL ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools designates instructional materials (keyboard) from Tonawanda High School as damaged beyond repair and obsolete for disposal.

7.3 APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY – ATHLETICS ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools designates instructional materials (helmets) from Tonawanda High School as damaged beyond repair and obsolete for disposal.

7.4 APPROVE EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB – MS ROBOTICS CLUB ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the creation of the *Robotics Club* for the Middle School and the expenditure of funds for an advisor as a replacement club for the Book Club at the High School.

7.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: FINANCIAL REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Trustee Kristine Schmutzler and seconded by Vice President Danielle Opalinski, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Management Services Items 7.1 through 7.4 as presented. Motion carried.

Trustee Kristine Schmutzler is excited for the robotics club, huge area of interest for the students

8.0 INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/UNPAID LEAVES/TENURE/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 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 composite or overall APPR rating in their final year of probation, they shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Item No.	Name	New or Replacing	Position/Tenure Area/ Certification	BOE ACTION REQUESTED	Step Level/Degree/Effective Date(s) Italics/Highlighted - Correction
8.1	Stacy Tucker	N/A	Speech Language Pathologist	Accept Resignation	Effective November 24, 2021
8.2	Kimberly Strasburg	Smith	Elementary/Master's	Approve Four Year Probationary Appointment	\$37,407 Effective November 17, 2021
8.3	Luciana Perri	N/A	Graduate Student Teacher from Fredonia at Mullen in Speech	Approve Appointment	At No Stipend and without pay Effective March 7, 2022 through May 13, 2022
8.4	Brendan Ryan	N/A	Student Teacher from Fredonia at Middle School in Music	Approve Appointment	At No Stipend and without pay Effective January 24, 2022 through May 20, 2022
8.5	Kailey Peets	N/A	Level I Occupational Therapy Student from University at Buffalo	Approve Appointment	At No Stipend and without pay Effective November 22, 2021 through June 23, 2022
8.6	Elizabeth Zink	N/A	Mentor/Peer Coach (Strasburg – Mullen)	Approve Appointment	Stipend \$750 (Pro Rated)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS HIGH SCHOOL 2021-22**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following resolutions and approves the Class Advisor appointment for the 2021-22 school year and the corresponding stipend as per Article 19.05 of the TEA Contract.

Item No.	Name	Extra-Curricular Club/Program	Stipend	BOE Action Requested
8.7	Amanda Urbaniak	HS Musical Vocal Director	\$1,378	Approve Appointment
8.8	Amanda Ruiz	HS Musical Vocal Director	\$1,378	Approve Appointment

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS MIDDLE SCHOOL 2021-22**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following resolutions and approves the Class Advisor appointment for the 2021-22 school year and the corresponding stipend as per Article 19.05 of the TEA Contract.

Item No.	Name	Extra-Curricular Club/Program	Stipend	BOE Action Requested
8.9	Laura Schmidt	MS Robotics Club	\$826 (Pro Rated)	Approve Appointment

INTRAMURAL APPOINTMENTS 2021-2022**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following resolutions and approves the Class Advisor appointment for the 2021-22 school year and the corresponding stipend as per Article 19.05 of the TEA Contract.

Item No.	Name	Intramural Program	Rate	BOE Action Requested
8.10	Jackie Kiera	MS Intramural	\$28.22 per hour	Approve Amendment
8.11	John Frank	MS Intramural	\$28.22 per hour	Approve Amendment

COACHING APPOINTMENTS/ RESIGNATIONS –**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following resolutions and approves the Athletic Coach appointments , per the attached, **pending official clearance by the New York State Commissioner of Education of fingerprint/background check of all those applicable**

Item No.	Name	Sport	BOE ACTION REQUESTED	Step Level/Rate/Effective Date(s)
8.12	Glen Gast	Girls JV Basketball	Approve Amendment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 2 \$4,745
8.13	Joseph Kelly	Varsity Football Coach	Terminate Employment	Effective October 28, 2021
8.14	Matthew Harrington	Boys JV Basketball Coach	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 1 \$4,352
8.15	Melissa Keem	Boys Modified Basketball Coach	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 1 \$4,352
8.16	Steven Warthling	Modified Wrestling Coach	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 3 \$4,352
8.17	Joseph McDonald	Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 1 \$4,352
8.18	Jason Balling	Varsity Wrestling Coach	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 1 \$6,732
8.19	Christopher Dirmyer	Girls Varsity Bowling Coach	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021 Stipend Step 1 \$3,562
8.20	Thomas Will Jr	Non Paid Volunteer – Wrestling	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021
8.21	Michael Zellner	Non Paid Volunteer – Wrestling	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021

8.22	Geoff Sherman	Non Paid Volunteer – Boys Basketball	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021
8.23	Charles Moore	Non Paid Volunteer – Girls Basketball	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021
8.24	Kalyn Compeau	Non Paid Volunteer – Girls Basketball	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021
8.25	Collin Wood	Non Paid Volunteer – Boys Swimming	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021
8.26	Nicholas Gardner	Non Paid Volunteer – Boys Swimming	Approve Appointment	Effective November 15, 2021

8.27 PAID SUPPORT STAFF FOR ATHLETICS –2021-2022**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the following individuals who are eligible to perform paid support staff duties for athletics for the Winter 2021-2022 Athletic Season at the rates per event of \$30 for Scoreboard Operator, \$35 for Clock Operators and Scorekeepers, \$25 for Announcers, and the TEA supervisory rate for Event Security.

Shawn Lodovico

ADDITIONS TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE LIST(S)**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **Additions to the Instructional Substitute Teacher List(s)**, as listed on the attachments(s), **pending official clearance by the New York State Commission of Education of fingerprint/background check.** 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.

Item No.	Name	Certification Area	BOE Action Requested	Rate/Effective Date(s)
8.28	Melissa Frantz	High School Diploma	Approve Addition to Elementary and Secondary List	\$85 per day Effective October 25, 2021
8.29	Melissa Frantz	High School Diploma	Approve Addition to the Teacher Assistant List	\$12.50 per hour Effective November 17, 2021
8.30	Teisha Mcelfresh	Master Elementary	Approve Addition to the Elementary List	\$110 per day Effective November 17, 2021
8.31	Teisha Mcelfresh	Master Elementary	Approve Addition to the Teacher Assistant List	\$12.50 per hour Effective November 17, 2021
8.32	Christopher Dirmyer	Associate's	Approve Addition to Secondary List	\$85 per day Effective October 25, 2021
8.33	Christopher Dirmyer	Associate's	Approve Addition to the Teacher Assistant List	\$12.50 per hour Effective November 17, 2021
8.34	Gail Walter	Master's	Approve Addition to Secondary List	\$110 per day Effective October 26, 2021

8.0.1. CONSENT AGENDA: INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

Moved by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Jeff Thorp, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Instruction Personnel Action Items 8.1 through 8.34 as presented. Motion carried.

9.0 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**9.1 REDUCTION OF ONE (1) STATIONARY ENGINEER POSITION**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby abolishes **ONE (1) STATIONARY ENGINEER** position as of November 16, 2021.

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.

Item No.	Name	Position	BOE Action Requested	Step Level/Rate/Effective Date(s) Italics/Highlighted = Correction
9.2	Eileen Hall	Cleaner	Accept Resignation due to Retirement	Effective October 29, 2021
9.3	Jill Lonie	Teacher Aide	Accept Resignation	Effective December 4, 2021
9.4	Amy Blair-Castro	Clerical	Accept Resignation	Effective November 3, 2021
9.5	Kristen Schloss	Teacher Aide	Approve Six-Month Probationary Appointment	\$15.02 per hour Effective October 19, 2021
9.6	Allyson Richards	Teacher Aide	Approve Six-Month Probationary Appointment	\$15.02 per hour Effective November 1, 2021
9.7	Alan Galton	Cleaner	Approve Six-Month Probationary Appointment	\$12.80 per hour Effective November 22, 2021
9.8	Kayla Tonaus	Lifeguard	Approve Appointment	\$14.00 per hour Effective November 11, 2020 through June 30, 2021

9.9 PAID SUPPORT STAFF FOR ATHLETICS –2021-2022**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the following individuals who are eligible to perform paid support staff duties for athletics for the Winter 2021-2022 Athletic Season at the rates per event of \$30 for Scoreboard Operator, \$35 for Clock Operators and Scorekeepers, \$25 for Announcers, and \$71 for Event Security.

Kelly Harszlack

Jennifer Battista

Collin Wood
All Coaches 2021-2022

ADDITIONS TO THE NON- INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE LIST(S)**ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **Additions to the Non-Instructional Substitute List(s)**, as listed on the attachments(s), **pending official clearance by the New York State Commission of Education of fingerprint/background check.** 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.

Item No.	Name	Position	BOE ACTION REQUESTED	Step Level/Rate/Effective Date(s) Italics/Highlighted = Correction
9.10	Melissa Frantz	Teacher Aide	Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List	\$12.50 per hour Effective November 17, 2021
9.11	Teisha Mcelfresh	Teacher Aide	Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List	\$12.50 per hour Effective November 17, 2021
9.12	Christopher Dirmyer	Teacher Aide	Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List	\$12.50 per hour Effective November 17, 2021

9.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Moved by Vice President Danielle Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Daniel Calabrese, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Non-Instructional Personnel Action Items 9.1 through 9.12 as presented. Motion carried.

10.0 CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION**10.1 COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)****ENC.**

COMMITTEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	MEETING DATES
<i>District Committee on Special Education</i>	Annual Review	10.12.21, 10.14.21, 10.15.21, 10.19.21, 10.20.21, 10.22.21, 10.25.21, 10.26.21, 10.27.21, 10.28.21, 11.05.21, 11.08.21, 11.09.21, 11.10.21, 11.12.21
<i>District Committee on Special Education</i>	Re-evaluation/Annual Review	10.13.21, 10.18.21, 10.21.21, 10.29.21, 11.05.21, 11.08.21
<i>District Committee on Special Education</i>	Amendment – Agreement No Meeting	10.06.21, 10.07.21, 10.12.21, 10.15.21, 10.19.21, 10.29.21
<i>District Committee on Preschool Special Education</i>	Preschool Initial Eligibility	10.12.21, 10.14.21, 10.15.21, 10.27.21, 10.29.21, 11.08.21

<i>District Committee on Preschool Special Education</i>	Preschool Amend No Meeting	10.19.21
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10.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

Moved by Trustee Daniel Calabrese and seconded by Trustee Kristin Schmutzler, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Item 10.1 as presented. Motion carried.

11.0 POLICY ITEMS: NONE

12.0 OTHER

12.1 ADOPT BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools adopts the Tonawanda City School District Budget Development Calendar for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

12.2 TONA2020: RENAMING CONSOLIDATED BUILDING

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and after extensive study and consideration, and further after the consolidation of Fletcher Elementary, Mullen Elementary, and Riverview Elementary buildings, hereby approves the re-naming of the consolidated building to Tonawanda Elementary School upon the issuance of all approvals and consents that might be required by the Commissioner and the State Education Department.

12.3 PARTICIPATION IN TEST TO STAY ENC.

Tonawanda City School District Board of Education

Resolution No.:

WHEREAS, the future well-being of our community relies on providing all students access to high quality education; and

WHEREAS, the District continues to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 in our area with updates from governmental and public health agencies;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that many healthy, unvaccinated students that are close contacts of an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 are required to quarantine under the New York State Department of Health regulations and/or guidance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED effective November 16, 2021, the Tonawanda City School District Board of Education supports and encourages the Erie County Department of Health to permit our district to implement a "test to stay" mitigation strategy that allows unvaccinated students who are close contacts to avoid school exclusion by testing negative with a daily rapid NAAT test or

antigen test for seven days after exposure to stay in in-school instruction if a parent consents to this option to avoid school exclusion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to our local Boards of Education throughout the Erie and Niagara region, the Erie County Department of Health, our State Governor, New York State Department of Health, New York State Department of Education, and to all members of the

United States House of Representatives and Senate representing the families in our Tonawanda City School District.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Tonawanda City School District, Erie County, NY, at the regular open public meeting thereof, held this 16th day of November, 2021.

12.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: OTHER

Moved by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell and seconded by Vice President Danielle Opalinski, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Items 12.1 through 12.3 as amended. Motion carried.

13.0 ATTENDANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

ENC.

14.0 BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ENC.

- 14.1 Mullen Calendar – November 2021
- 14.2 Riverview Calendar – November 2021

15.0 PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION #2 FOLLOWING BOARD RESOLUTIONS

(Same guidelines as those found in Item 5.1. Three (3) minutes per speaker for a 20 Minute Session.)

Maureen Zarcone spoke as TEA Union President regarding contract items that seem unjust.

Denise Kaufman, spoke as a TEA Member regarding contract items that seem unjust.

Tina Merritt spoke as a TEA Member regarding contract items that seem unjust.

Robin Sesnie spoke as a TEA Member regarding contract items that seem unjust.

16.0 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, (*e.g., Board of Education school visits or school events*)

Trustee Kristin Schmutzler reported that it's been a busy month, had legislative meeting for ECASB advocacy board, working on a handbook, almost done, it's a lot, but there's activities to coincide with what's going on in Albany. Talked about the board of elections has a presentation on voting, Sweet Home took advantage of it, brought the voting machines, can register at 16 and 17, reaching out and to get students involved. Met with the Technology committee and the smart schools committee, wanted to give Jessi a shout-out, lots of positive feedback and everything she does and how important she is. Loves being a part of the Committees, give opportunities to listen and give input. Went to Speed boarding event where they addressed the shortage of umps and refs for sporting events, looking into schools being able to assign people. When they aren't there, games turn into a scrimmage, big issue in a lot of areas. Section 6 sports won't have a ref or ump and then the game doesn't count. Allowing school to assign/appoint someone so it won't be a scrimmage. Looking at ways the boards can help and support athletic directors. Full service design construction and management, community outreach, shadows and can work and stay there, hands on project, career projects, love being involved in schools and communities, keep in the back of the mind. NYSBBA conference. Business meeting, voted on resolutions in which 17 passed. One was supporting school wide meals reimbursement, the other was to support evaluation and accurate use with the foundation aide, continuing thing for years and years, seeing some light on that. Went to Dave Little event, foundation aide discussion, thankful for three year promise, during next two years, need a task force to change the formula, 15 year old formula and going off 20 year old data. Census data that's older, needs to be fixed. City is reliant from aide from the state, no large tax payer base. State withholds money from us, impacts our budget, it's a long process.

President Heather Sternin commented that we don't have the businesses to pull in from.

Trustee Kristin Schmutzler continued her reporting about asking legislatures to get the formula fixed because it would have a huge impact on our district. Current seniors were in KDG that's how far behind the funding and process is. Seniors will never see a fully funded educational program in their career. Discussion regarding mental health specifically Middle Schoolers and learning to be social, they are acting like 4th and 5th graders still. Lots of mental health issues, need funding and support. Discussed census and how it effects a lot of things. 1 million people moved out of area/New York State which effects the funding. Legislative breakfast, discussed aide reform, BOCES increase, special ed and reserve increase. Staffing shortage across the county, mental health, test to stay for COVID and COVID restriction and policy, asking for an off ramp, what's the end look like. Regular communication was stressed.

Trustee Alicia O'Donnell reported she attended the Speed Boarding event, first time doing it, was really fantastic, there were 4 speakers total who were very passionate and motivating. Dr. Oldenburg's wife was one of them. Focus is a lot on career exploration for students. Impressed by career exploration night, open to middle schoolers, to see what's out there. Robin D'Amato was there, talked about program called College and Career portfolio program. It was really exciting to see as it focuses on college prep. For some students that's not their path, excited to see how it can appeal from a career standpoint, really motivating. Wants to consider making it a requirement. She mentioned she comes from a recruiting background and would be impressed going through the program. NYSBBA online conference, Lieutenant Governor spoke with emphasize on open door policy for board members, not to be afraid to communicate wants and needs. Education gap presenters, tutoring can work in conjunction with school. Mental health with students, COVID issues.

Trustee Jeff Thorp reported that he also went to Speed Boarding event. He said it was mentioned that Williamsville has a planetarium and they spoke very passionately. They discussed the solar eclipse that will be happening in 2024 and the need for PPE for your eyes. The eclipse will occur

on Monday after spring break right as dismissal time. People travel all over to come see it. Huge tourism thing. It was suggesting that schools schedule a half day or day off in order to keep everyone safe. Genuine safety of community is involved, don't play with PPE, order a head of time, don't wait too long. There does need to be preparation with this. Protect people's eyes from an event you can't control. If there's nice weather, people are out and about and it's not safe. He thanked Jessi for the presentations. Excited for the new Tonawanda Elementary, now that it's official.

Trustee Daniel Calabrese had nothing to add.

Vice Present Danielle Opalinski thanked Jessi for presentation, excited about safety protocols that will be put in place with the Smart School plan. She thanked Kristen for reading and reported on events. The Halloween parade at Mullen was adorable. Attended the Turkey Trot, the soccer banquet and the football games, lots of fun this fall. The time lapse videos of Tonawanda Elementary are so cool to see. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

President Heather Sternin reported ditto to everything. Thank you to Jessi for her presentation and all that she does. President Sternin reported that she went to the DEI committee meeting. It's so nice to work on something at the same level, and meeting new people in those committees, just leave feeling uplifted and ready to move on and do great new things. Appreciate the work that goes into that committee.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Daniel Calabrese, that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:36 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Reynolds
District Clerk