

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

**AGENDA ~ Minutes
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

6:30 PM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Administrators in attendance were: Renee Smith Director of Athletics, David Sellan Middle School Principal, Jessi Donner Director of Technology, Ron Wasik Director of Facilities, Sarah Infante Director of Educational Compliance, Michael Brown High School Principal, Mary Beth Scullion Director of Curriculum, Donna Hill Director of Business and Finance, Amy Edgerton Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Dr. Timothy Oldenburg Superintendent

Approximately 45 visitors in attendance

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2022

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RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of **January 11, 2022** of the Board of Education be approved and that they are hereby adopted in their entirety.

2.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Moved by Trustee Elizabeth Koch 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. One Abstention. Motion carried.

3.0 NEW/OLD BUSINESS

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Trustee Alicia O'Donnell wanted to clear the air, Dr. Oldenburg had been advocating on some state level politicians, sent a letter to politician on behalf of the board, will proceed differently in the future.

4.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

4.1 RECOGNITION OF JANUARY GRADUATES – MATTERY

The Board of Education will acknowledge **Emma Mattery** for completing requirements for graduation from Tonawanda High School.

Mr. Brown said it was with great excitement to present Emma Mattery as a January graduate. She has overcome struggles, she pushed and pushed and got through everything. Hopes that she is enjoying life now that she has officially graduated. So proud!

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 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE: TONA2020

Presentation/update on TONA 2020 Capital project, making great progress.

Monthly reports have a detailed schedule, through spring wrapping up structural steel. Better weather

Will allow other work.

Wants to roll the change order into the overall budget. Not a regular course of business, but it is apart of the construction effort to run into obstacles in this nature. Good news, is they have ways to address when they come along. Big picture, project is on budget. Between Campus and Gordon Jones, advocate for the district, overcome several obstacles that the team are aware of. Great contracting team, great design partners, district has been great, Dr. Oldenburg, Ron and Donna have been right there, great team effort to date, the final outcome will show.

Exciting next steps to note is through the spring will be selecting interior finishes such as furniture and equipment, laying out signage, picking colors and branding. Late spring, would love to have the BOE to the site and take a tour.

Betsy reported that so many people have come up to her and saying how impressed they are, something new and different, bright comment, doing a great job. Excited about it.

6.2 2022-2023 BUDGET UPDATE
Donna Hill, Director of Business & Finance

Donna Hill updated the BOE on budget progress. She mentioned that utilities have been 1400 a day for gas and electric, and have doubled in the past month that was not budgeted for this year.

Difficult to celebrate first run, but hopeful that the aide will continue moving forward, will continue to do what's best for children, programs and employees. Meetings coming up which will help form another layer of the picture. Another update in March.

Trustee Kristin Schmutzler asked if there were any areas that Donna was hoping to see increase in.

Donna Hill responded with foundation aide is where we want the money. Getting more aide, proposing on building on Charters for a while. Hard to make an opinion based on the rationale of why they do what they do. It's better than getting less. Have to be optimistic.

Dr. Oldenburg said that it's a difficult perception to have "it's better than having a reduction". For so long has been involved in other things, the flaw of the formula and still not even fully funding the flawed formula. As you continue to review and participate in the budget, what's unique about this district is that we are dependent on state aide. If you saw some of the numbers that Donna shared, some of the numbers that were projected 20 and overall 35, dependent on huge cut of the pie. Total aide amount of others may not be a part of the pie. Still under 7%. Suggest that we don't have the ability to raise revenue through taxes, tax cap is 2%. Inflation is the highest rate, approaching 6%, most we'll be able to raise revenue is 2%. 4% behind before you even start. As you put the big pieces together, the aid package from the state, working on tax cap, working on local levy, there lies the challenges that a lot of districts face.

6.3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Amy Edgerton had nothing to report

Mary Beth Scullion reported that she would like bring 4 items to everyone's attention. The Smart Start Grant is finishing first year on grant, Google 1 or 2 and have opportunities to become certified, they work on collaboration hours. This year's grant focused on ENL and Special Education students in regards to taking more CTE and working on K-12 digital fluency standards that we have 2 years to implement. The 2nd group will start in April and run into the following April. It's a 5 year grant that has to be reapplied for every year. Working on identifying other teachers to participate. There is a Peer Coach Program Manual, started working on last year, completed this summer and is geared for new teachers that start. There is an updated AIS plan, worked with teachers that teach AIS, updated to making sure to meet the student's needs. PDP plan, NYS requires that teacher with professional certification have the opportunity to get 20 hours of on-going development. Use district wide, finished updating now.

Jessi Donner reported that her department is working on presentation on social media, will present something for families and have FBI speak about what's going on in our area with online use.

Sarah Infante reported that student registration for UPK and KDG has become live, it is now virtual. It's a big transition and currently on our website. Parents can go there and because of this they were able to cut down from a 20 page packet to a 6 page front to back. Great to spend more time with family and getting to know them.

Donna Hill had nothing more to report

Ron Wasik had nothing more to report for today

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 MANAGEMENT SERVICES **NONE**

7.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS: **NONE**

7.1.1 Treasurer's Report – NONE

7.1.2 Payment of Bills as Certified by Auditor – NONE

- 7.1.3 Revenues – NONE
- 7.1.4 Expenditures – NONE
- 7.1.5 Fund Balance Projection Report – NONE
- 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 – NONE
- 7.1.10 Budget Transfers – NONE
- 7.1.11 Central Treasurers Report – None
- 7.1.12 Wire Transfers and ACH Payments – NONE
- 7.1.13 Claims Audit Report –NONE

7.2 **SMART START SCHOOL GRANT STIPEND**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the stipends as listed below as participants and administrators of the Smart Start Grant as listed with a rate of \$40 per project hour and \$3000 flat rate for administrator:

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| Catherine Clark | Sarah Infante | Lisa Liberatore |
| Amy Feldmann | Lisa Maher | Jennifer Patterson |
| Patricia Hilbert | Kelly Saletta | Laura Schmidt |
| Debbie Hill | Nicole Vicki | David Sellan |
| Kimberly Honeck | Brittany Witkowski | Alexa Ventura |
| Mary Beth Scullion (<i>participant/administrator</i>) | | Jessi Donner (<i>administrator</i>) |

7.3 **APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY - TECHNOLOGY** **ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools designates obsolete technology materials as excess and obsolete for disposal

7.4 **AUTHORIZATION OF TONA2020 CHANGE ORDER APPROVALS**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Campus Construction Management Group that the District authorizes a change order in the amount of \$298,942 to Abatement/Demolition Contract #201 (Total Wrecking & Environmental) for payment to remove unforeseen asbestos contained within a third plaster ceiling above two other ceilings which were scheduled to be removed in the corridors and stairwells of the renovation area.

7.5 **APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FOR PAY RATES** **ENC.**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the recommendation to increase pay rates as indicated, effective February 9, 2022

| Substitute | Per Diem/Per Hour Rate |
|---|------------------------|
| Uncertified Teacher | \$105/Per Diem |
| Certified in NYS Teacher - w. Bachelors | \$110/Per Diem |
| Certified in NYS Teacher - w. Masters/Retiree | \$120/Per Diem |

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| Custodian | \$14.25/Per Hour |
| Laborer | \$14.25/Per Hour |
| Clerical | \$14.25/Per Hour |
| Teacher Assistant Elementary/Secondary | \$15.00/Per Hour |
| Teacher Aide | \$15.00/Per Hour |
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| Fitness Center Attendant | \$14.00/Per Hour |
| School Monitors | \$15.25/Per Hour |
| School Monitors w. Law Enforcement | \$14.50/Per Hour |

7.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: FINANCIAL REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Trustee Elizabeth Koch and seconded by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Management Services Items 7.1 through 7.5 as presented. Motion Carried.

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 | Diana Markovich | N/A | Teacher Assistant | Accept Termination of Employment | Effective January 27, 2022 |
| 8.2 | Sarah Klettke | N/A | ENL | Tenure | Effective February 5, 2022 Upon successful completion of probation period |
| 8.3 | Robin Hoepfinger | N/A | Science | Tenure | Effective February 15, 2022 Upon successful completion of probation period |
| 8.4 | Mackenzie Barone | N/A | Student Nurse from NCCC at Mullen | Approve Appointment | At No Stipend and Without Pay Effective March 11, 21, 25, and 28, 2022 |

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| 8.5 | Samantha Sawyer | N/A | Student Nurse from NCCC at Riverview | Approve Appointment | At No Stipend and Without Pay Effective April 20, 22, 25, and 29, 2022 |
| 8.6 | Shane Rende | N/A | Student Teacher Physical Education w. John Frank | Approve Appointment | At No Stipend and Without Pay Effective February 9, 2022 |

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) |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 8.7 | Brittany Keesler | Master's | Approve Addition to Elementary and Secondary List | \$95 Per Day Effective January 27, 2022 |
| 8.8 | Brittany Keesler | Master's | Approve Addition to Teacher Assistant List | \$13.20 Per Hour Effective January 27, 2022 |
| 8.9 | Tionne Miller-Armstrong | Master's | Approve Addition to Elementary and Secondary List | \$95 Per Day Effective January 13, 2022 |
| 8.10 | Tionne Miller-Armstrong | Master's | Approve Addition to Teacher Assistant List | \$13.20 Per Hour Effective January 13, 2022 |
| 8.11 | Emily Provenzano | Bachelor's | Approve Addition to Elementary and Secondary List | \$105 Per Day Effective February 9, 2022 |
| 8.12 | Emily Provenzano | Bachelor's | Approve Addition to the Teacher Assistant List | \$15.00 Per Hour Effective February 9, 2022 |
| 8.13 | Mohammed Zakaria | Master's | Approve Addition to Elementary and Secondary List | \$110 Per Day Effective February 9, 2022 |
| 8.14 | Stephanie Fritzke | High School Diploma | Approve Addition to Teacher Assistant List | \$15.00 Per Hour Effective February 9, 2022 |
| 8.15 | Kelly Braun | High School Diploma | Approve Addition to Teacher Assistant List | \$13.20 Per Hour Effective January 31, 2022 |

8.16 PAID SUPPORT STAFF FOR WINTER AND SPRING 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 and Spring 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.

Sue Boling
Eric Zastrow
Roberta Normandin

Pam Korff
Scott Benson

Celia Mehm
Karen Russell

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 Intramural 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 |
|----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 8.17 | Amy Feldmann | Intramural Special Olympics Training | \$28.22 per hour | Approve Appointment |
| 8.18 | Sarah Lysek | Intramural Special Olympics Training | \$28.22 per hour | Approve Appointment |

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) |
|----------|-----------------|--|----------------------|---|
| 8.19 | Henry Fumerelle | Varsity Football Head Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective February 9, 2022 Stipend Step 1 - \$6983 |
| 8.20 | Jordan McGregor | Varsity Baseball Head Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 3 - \$5087 |
| 8.21 | Brian McCarthy | 7.8.9 Baseball Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 3 - \$3687 |
| 8.22 | Jason Balling | Varsity Lacrosse Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 2 - \$4669 |
| 8.23 | Tim Frappa | Varsity Softball Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 3 - \$5087 |
| 8.24 | Alex Moore | 7.8.9 Softball Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 3 - \$3687 |
| 8.25 | Daryl Macro | Varsity Tennis Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 3 - \$4343 |
| 8.26 | Jackie Kiera | Varsity Head Coach for Track and Field | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 2 - \$4669 |
| 8.27 | Timothy Harroun | Assistant Coach for Track and Field | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 2 - \$3318 |
| 8.28 | Joe Guagliardo | Assistant Coach for Track and Field | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 2 - \$3318 |
| 8.29 | John Reinhardt | Assistant Coach for Track and Field | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend Step 1 - \$2932 |
| 8.30 | Glen Gast | Unified Basketball Coach | Approve Appointment | Effective March 14, 2022 Stipend - \$2000 |
| 8.31 | Brian Price | Lifeguard | Approve Appointment | \$14.00 Per Hour Effective November 15, 2022 |

8.0.1. CONSENT AGENDA: INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

Moved by Trustee Kristin Schmutzler and seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Koch, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Instruction Personnel Action Items 8.1 through 8.31 as presented. Motion Carried

Mary Beth had opportunity to work with Sarah Klettke (ENL) and Robin Hoepfinger. Sarah Klettke does a phenomenal job. Robin Hoepfinger is a science teacher, great doing virtual teacher, building relationships this year and doing a great job in the classroom.

Renee Smith spoke and thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Oldenburg for their continued support in athletics. She wanted to give some background on our new Varsity Football Coach, Henry Fumerelle. He has lots of coaching experience and developing programs, he's a whole picture kind of coach. He will be a wonderful role model for the students that come into the program.

9.0 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 the probationary period where applicable.

| Item No. | Name | Position | BOE Action Requested | Step Level/Rate/Effective Date(s) |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 9.1 | Clayton Hess | Laborer | Accept Resignation | Effective January 28, 2022 |
| 9.2 | Linda Donatelli | Clerk Typist | Approve Six Month Probationary Appointment | Effective February 1, 2022 |
| 9.3 | Carly Strauch | Teacher Aide | Approve Permanent Appointment | Effective February 28, 2022 Upon successful completion of probation period |
| 9.4 | Collin Wood | Teacher Aide | Approve Permanent Appointment | Effective February 28, 2022 Upon successful completion of probation period |
| 9.5 | Kristina Morrocco | Teacher Aide | Approve Permanent Appointment | Effective February 28, 2022 Upon successful completion of probation period |
| 9.6 | Lindsay Caron | Physical Therapist | Approve Permanent Appointment | Effective February 28, 2022 Upon successful completion of probation period |
| 9.7 | Justin Morrison | Custodian | Approve Six Month Probationary Appointment | Effective January 5, 2022 |
| 9.8 | Matthew Kenney | Custodian | Approve Six Month Probationary Appointment | Effective January 5, 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 |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------|---|---|
| 9.9 | Brittany Keesler | Teacher Aide | Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List | \$13.20 Per Hour Effective January 27, 2022 |
| 9.10 | Tionne Miller-Armstrong | Teacher Aide | Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List | \$13.20 Per Hour Effective January 13, 2022 |
| 9.11 | Stephanie Fritzke | Teacher Aide | Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List | \$15.00 Per Hour Effective February 9, 2022 |
| 9.12 | Kelly Braun | Teacher Aide | Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List | \$13.20 Per Hour Effective January 31, 2022 |
| 9.13 | Emily Provenzano | Teacher Aide | Approve Addition to the Teacher Aide List | \$15.00 Per Hour Effective February 9, 2022 |

9.14 PAID SUPPORT STAFF FOR WINTER AND SPRING 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 and Spring 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.

Maria Butera
Jay Hall
Kelly Harszlack
Megan Kossow
Jay Hall
Matthew Mysliwy

Kelly Lyons
Cori Harvey
Jeff Schultz
Jim Kossow
Dave Wright

Kim Verrall
Dave Olsen
Chris Deeb
Beverly Schuster
Matt Kislawski

9.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Moved by Trustee Alicia O'Donnell 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 Item 9.1 through 9.14 as presented. Motion Carried.

10.0 CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

10.1 COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

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| COMMITTEE TYPE | DESCRIPTION | MEETING DATES |
|---|---|--|
| <i>District Committee on Special Education</i> | Annual Review | 12.16.21, 01.06.22, 01.07.22, 01.10.22, 01.12.22, 01.13.22, 01.19.22, 01.20.22, 01.21.22, 01.24.22, 01.27.22, 02.01.22, 02.04.22, 02.03.22 |
| <i>District Committee on Special Education</i> | Re-evaluation/Annual Review | 01.06.22, 01.07.22, 01.14.22, 01.18.22 |
| <i>District Committee on Special Education</i> | Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting | 01.31.22 |
| <i>District Committee on Special Education</i> | Amendment Agreement – No Meeting | 01.10.27, 01.26.22 |
| <i>District Committee on Pre-School Special Education</i> | Annual Review | 01.28.22 |
| <i>District Committee on Pre-School Special Education</i> | Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting | 01.20.22, 01.28.22, 01.31.22 |

10.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: CSE

Moved by Trustee Daniel Calabrese and seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Koch, 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 APPROVE TONAWANDA CITY PEER COACH PROGRAM MANUAL

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **Tonawanda City Peer Coach Program Manual**, revised February 2022.

12.2 APPROVE DISTRICT AIS PLAN

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **District Academic Intervention Services Plan**.

12.3 APPROVE DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **District 2021-2026 Professional Development Plan**.

12.4 APPROVE EXTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

ENC.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the corrective action plan in response to the External Audit Report for the 2020-2021 school year.

12.0.1 CONSENT AGENDA: OTHER

Moved by Trustee Elizabeth Koch and seconded by Trustee Jeff Thorp, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the above Item 12.1 through 12.4 as presented. Motion Carried.

13.0 ATTENDANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2022

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14.0 BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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- 14.1 Mullen Calendar – February 2022
- 14.2 Riverview Calendar – February 2022
- 14.3 Contract extension request letter from Dr. Oldenburg

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.)

Jeff Frey PE teacher and in his 27th year as a teacher reported on his views on the mask mandates and its impact on the students.

Jim Schraufstetter had taught for 22 years and wanted to speak about the mask issue in the schools. As a biology major, he delivered some facts regarding masking, sickness and diseases.

Maureen Zarcone spoke as TEA president. She spoke on all the accomplishments of her colleagues, their flexibility and always having the students' needs come first in everything that they do.

Susan Davison, a graduate of Tonawanda and kindergarten teacher at Mullen for the past 25 years spoke as TEA member spoke about support she provides and the need for more support in the kindergarten classroom.

Jessica Warthling, resident of Tonawanda, a graduate of Tonawanda, and teacher of Tonawanda spoke as TEA Member. She spoke of the challenges she faces in her classroom on a daily basis and how even when plans are made, they often get changed based on classroom needs.

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 Alicia O'Donnell went to legislative team meeting, really glad to have the opportunity to go, learned a lot. She attended the Rick Timbs presentation at ECASB. One big thing that was discussed was the concern with possible state funding, the cliff that could be coming. Didn't know that the state is getting a federal grant the next few years. Concerned about what's going to happen when the state no longer has the grant. Shared info on what can be done as a board to help district, talking about legislative relationships and letting them know about the concern when the grant is no longer in place. It was suggested the district have a 15% rainy day fund, but are only given 4%. Advocacy should be happening weekly, and not one time event, getting parents on board to talk with legislative and other districts to get changes in the works.

Trustee Kristin Schmutzler, congratulated Emma on her graduation. Congratulations to the tenured teachers. Nice to see substitute pay increase on this agenda, hope it helps keep some

subs. Spoke with Jeremy Zellner from the Erie County Board of Elections and he had mentioned needing help for the election to reach out to Erie county now, if need help request needs to go in. She attended legislative meeting, lots of focus on the lobby meeting. It was virtual and there were meetings every half hour. Some of the teacher's messages would be great to invite into the legislative meeting. Would like to suggest, funding comes from the state, not our tax payers, effects our ability to pay and have aides in the classroom, would like to pair up with legislation moving forward. She also attended the Rick Timbs event through ECASB. Marked the same things Alicia had mentioned. Right now, districts are only allowed a 4% reserve and our money comes from a federal grant. There were suggestions on how to best utilize that funding. Explained tax cap formula, always complicated, BOCES aide is 30% back but that's based on a formula from 1992. They discussed foundation aide and how the phase in will affect us. We are not guaranteed more money to support these raises. Advocate for district. Will be listening in on capital conference which will have conversations with Commissioner Rosa.

Trustee Jeff Thorp congratulated Emma on graduating and the tenured teachers. Wanted to thank them and congrats. He thanked the board for the card and well wishes, He is excited for the upcoming wellness committee meeting tomorrow.

Trustee Daniel Calabrese, would like to congratulate the new graduate and new hires, and he thanked the presenters.

Trustee Elizabeth Koch attended the delegate assembly meeting, sent out minutes to the board from February 2nd. Interesting the only difference is the musical that are being presented in the spring.

Vice President Danielle Opalinski, echoed congratulations to the graduate and tenured teachers.

President Heather Sternin, reported that the one committee was supposed to meet but that was on a snow day. They will be meeting on Valentine 's Day virtually, which means no chocolate hearts. Signed up for webinar this week on Thursday on curriculum and what we need to know, forwarded in case anyone is interested.

17.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - (*Proposed -TEA Negotiations and Board Relations*)

Moved by Vice President Daneille Opalinski and seconded by Trustee Jeff Thorp that, the Board of Education moves into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. for the purpose of collective negotiation discussions regarding the TEA Negotiations and board relations. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Daniel Calabrese and seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Koch that, the Board of Education exits Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. Motion carried.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Elizabeth Koch and seconded by Trustee Jeff Thorp, that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Reynolds
District Clerk