

Tuxedo Board of Education-Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Tuxedo Union Free School District
Board of Education
Zoom Conference Call
7:00pm

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Members present

Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

1. Meeting Opening:

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 1.3 Roll Call and Quorum Check

President Meg Vaught gave opening comments, stating the board would first be voting on a resolution to suspend public comment during remote meetings and all questions for the board could be directed to BOE@tuxedoufsd.org. Also, in regard to the vote of no confidence made by the teachers union at the last meeting those allegations were still being investigated and the board would respond when the final reports were reviewed. She noted the board had also received a letter of support for Mr. Bohlke from faculty and staff.

President Vaught also announced tonight's meeting would include a first look at the 2020-2021 budget, and given the current COVID-19 crisis, the board had asked the Mr. Bohlke and Mr. Ziemba to re-work the budget and put forth a budget with no increase to the tax levy.

Action: 1.4 Suspension of Public Comment

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby suspends the provisions of Board Policy 1502, "Board of Education Meetings," regarding public meetings, including public attendance, videoconferencing, and public comment for tonight's Board Meeting and for future Board and other meetings, until Governor Cuomo determines that a state of emergency no longer exists in New York State due to COVID-19

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Michael Arone.
Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Lucy Cerezo Scully
No: Daniel Castricone

2. Presentation:

Presentation, Reports: 2.1 Regents Scores

Mr. Brown gave a comparison of Tuxedo UFSD regents scores over the last 3 years. He reported ELA scored very high, with last year's proficiency level at 100%. Algebra 1 scored lower coming in at 68% proficiency last year, Algebra 2 came in at 73%, Geometry 80%. Social Studies exams scored 93% on Global History and 92% on US History. Earth Science 80% last year (with only 5 students taking that exam- 92% the year prior) Chemistry 62% proficiency, Physics no one took last year, 67% the year prior.

Board members voiced their concerns with the Math scores and asked for a comparison with other school districts and how these scores compare to the students class averages. A board member also requested a breakout of scores between students with and without disabilities. Another report will be presented at the next meeting.

Information: 2.2 2020/2021 Budget Presentation Version 1.0

School Business Administrator, Kevin Ziembra, presented the first version of the proposed 2020-2021 budget. Given the current closure due to COVID-19 the Annual Budget Vote and Board Election has been postponed, and he was still awaiting guidance from the Governor. Preliminary state aid has been reduced. Mr. Ziembra's presentation proposed a real property tax levy increase of zero. Board members asked for a more detailed presentation next month broken out into specific categories.

3. Administrators' Reports:

Reports: 3.1 Student Services Report

Ms. Scariano Update on Special Education, teachers attended a training on EDI (Explicit Direct Instruction). The state indicator for this year will include an audit of IEP's in the district but may be postponed or held virtually due to the current closures. The Special Education department continues to hold department meetings to support special education learning through distance learning. The guidance department has updated their website page. Ms. Park included next years common app essay prompts into her class curriculum preparing next years seniors. Ms. Scariano also read the list of college acceptances for this year's seniors and noted over \$658,000 in scholarship had been awarded. The high school scholarship committee met and will be handing out merit based scholarships to this years juniors at the NHS awards night. She also gave a Thank you to the Sloatsburg food pantry for coordinating extra support for the families on free and reduced lunch during the school closure.

Reports: 3.2 Lower School Principal's Report

Mr. Brown spoke about the Read Across America instituted by Ms. Fox. He thanked the GGM staff for the efforts in pulling together work packets for the students before the abrupt closure on March 13th. Absent students were delivered work packets from Ms. Martin in transportation. A technology pickup day was organized for students to pick up iPads and Chromebooks for use at home. All devices were sanitized and given to parents. Distance learning began on March 30th and teachers were working hard to engage in distance learning opportunities. A virtual main office was created to distribute information to families and give parents a point of contact for questions.

A board member inquired if all students had devices and internet access and Mr. Brown confirmed all students had devices and service. The main office is available to swap devices by appointment if

needed.

A board member asked about video conferencing and why teachers weren't utilizing it. Concerns about liability issues are still being looked into.

Discussion: 3.3 School Business Official Report

Mr. Ziemba sent his reports to the board members and asked if there were any questions on the reports. A board member inquired about the missing Treasurer's Report. The report will be sent to the board after the meeting.

Reports: 3.4 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bohlke acknowledged the students, Mr. Chan, and all those involved in putting on the outstanding musical production of Mary Poppins February 28, 29, and March 1.

On February 29 and March 1, he attended the NYSCOSS Annual Conference and Lobby Day in Albany and on March 3 he took part in the Coronavirus seminar with the NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health.

Mr. Bohlke reported on the district's responses, actions, and plans during the Coronavirus outbreak and state of emergency. He said he is in contact with our attorneys, Orange County Superintendents of Schools, Orange County Executive, Orange County Department of Health, the NYS Education Department, NYS Department of Health, and district families. He is following all guidelines and requirements put out by the Governor, the Board of Regents, and other authorities. Distance Learning for grades K-12 and the launch of the Tuxedo Tech Team began on March 30th.

He explained the update to the district calendar. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Governor has told each public school to assure that April 1 – 14, 2020 are designated instructional days. This changes the scheduled spring recess days of April 6-13 to instructional days. May 22 is also now an instructional day.

He said next week he is anticipating guidance on Regents exams and grading from the Board of Regents as well as guidance from the Governor regarding additional school closure, the budget vote, and BOE elections.

Mr. Bohlke acknowledged the work of the staff of the Operations and Maintenance Department who are working behind the scenes and Jo-Ann Martin and the members of the Transportation Department who are packaging and delivering food to the families of 59 students who qualify for free and reduced breakfasts and lunches.

4. Consent Agenda:

Action (Consent): 4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4.2 Meeting Minutes 2/20/20

Resolution: Motion to Approve Minutes from the 2/20/20 meeting.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.3 Personnel Instructional Appointments

Resolution: Motion to approve Personnel Instructional Appointments as presented.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Jenna Park	Home Instructor	2019-2020	\$30/hr

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.4 Personnel Non-Instructional Appointments

Resolution: Motion to approve non-instructional personnel appointments as presented.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Nicole Scariano	Assistant Principal of Student Services*	4/2/20	\$118,000
Cecilia Hekl	District Translator- As needed	4/9/20	as per contract
Eileen Rivera	District Translator- As needed	4/2/20	as per contract

* Title change from Director of Student Services

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.4 Personnel Retirement

Resolution: Motion to approve retirement as presented.

President, Meg Vaught, thanked Mr. Stover for his many years of service to the Tuxedo UFSD.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ronald Stover	Social Studies Teacher	6/30/20

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.6 Acceptance Capital Bond Vote

Resolution: Motion to accept the results of the February 25th Capital Bond Vote results as provided by the District Clerk, Kristine DiFrancesco.

Final result of the Capital Bond Vote was:

187 Yes

318 No

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.7 2019-2020 School Calendar Modification (COVID-19)

Resolution:

WHEREAS in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the State of New York has called upon each public school district to assure that for the period commencing on April 1, 2020 through April 14, 2020 all weekdays shall be designated as student instructional days; and

WHEREAS there has been a mandate placed upon New York State public school districts to continuously provide food services and child care services in accordance with their plans as submitted to the New York State Education Department in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby modifies the adopted 2019-2020 School District Calendar by establishing the days of April 1 through April 14 as student instructional days, thereby changing April 6 through April 13 from Spring Recess days to student instructional days, while establishing May 22 as an additional instructional day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in addition to implementing the District's Continuity of Learning Plan during each of the weekdays commencing on April 1, 2020 and through at least April 14, 2020 the District shall continue its child care services and food services plan as submitted to the New York State Education Department, while awaiting further direction from New York State Government Officials.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.8 Policy 5410 Competitive Bidding and Offering

Resolution: Motion to waive the second reading and approve policy 5410 as presented.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.9 Policy 5411 Procurement of Goods and Services

Resolution: Motion to waive the second reading and approve policy 5411 as presented.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent), Discussion: 4.10 Cafeteria, ExtraCurricular & Budget Transfers

Resolution: Motion to accept the Cafeteria, ExtraCurricular & Budget Transfer reports for filing.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.11 Business Office

Resolution: Motion to accept the business office reports for filing.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action (Consent): 4.12 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Resolution: Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented.

Motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.12

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

5. Items for Discussion:

Action, Discussion: 5.1 Policy 1406 Legal Council

Board members discussed changing the district policy relating to who may contact the school attorney. Currently, only the Board President, Superintendent or his designee may contact the school attorney. A proposal to amend the policy to allow any 2 or 3 board members to reach out in concurrence was discussed. The motion was made subject to review by the school attorney and the board requested the attorney respond with appropriate verbiage for the policy.

Motion to allow any two board members to contact the school attorney pending review of this policy change by the school attorney.

Motion by Daniel Castricone, second by Lucy Cerezo Scully.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

No: Nancy Bourke

Action, Discussion: 5.2 Education Law 2-d Opt-In

Mr. Bohlke recommended the district sign the opt-in data privacy agreement with Erie 1 BOCES and Google. The agreement is in alignment with Education Law 2-d pertaining to student privacy.

Motion to execute the Opt-in Data Privacy Agreement with Erie 1 BOCES and Google.

EDUCATION LAW 2-d OPT-IN

This Education Law 2-d Opt-In ("Opt-In") is executed and entered into as of the date of execution specified below ("Effective Date"), by the School District identified below ("District").

WHEREAS, Google LLC ("Vendor"), a corporation having its principal offices at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA, 94043, provides certain services to the District pursuant to certain contractual arrangements and Vendor Terms of Service ("TOS") entered into between District and Vendor; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted New York Education Law 2-d; and,

WHEREAS, Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("Erie 1 BOCES"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Education Law of the State of New York having its principal offices at 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224, has entered into an EDUCATION LAW 2-d Agreement ("Agreement") in order to address and give binding effect to the terms of New York Education Law 2-d and Section 1.8 of which Agreement provides that school districts can become party to the Agreement by executing a written opt-in to do so; and,

WHEREAS, District wishes to become party to the Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, District attests and agrees as follows:

1. District has evaluated its needs with respect to New York Education Law 2-d and wishes to become subject to the terms of the Agreement;
2. District hereby formally notifies Erie 1 BOCES and confirms that it is opting into the Agreement in accordance with Section 1.8 thereof.

Motion by Nancy Bourke, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Discussion: 5.3 Medical Insurance Buyout for Employees

A board member asked that the district increase the health insurance buyout for employees. Mr. Bohlke informed the board this was a negotiated union contract item and the school attorney should be consulted. Tabled until next meeting.

6. New Business:

Discussion, Future Agenda Items: 6.1 Possible Items for New Business

None

7. Executive Session:

Action: 7.1 Enter into Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person.

Motion by Michael Arone, second by Lucy Cerezo Scully.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Action: 7.2 Return to Open Session

Motion to return to Open Session

Motion by Michael Arone, second by Kimberly Breiland.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

8. Adjournment:

Action: 8.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting. 10:45pm

Motion by Meg Vaught, second by Lucy Cerezo Scully.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Meg Vaught, Dorothy Ziegelbauer, Michael Arone, Nancy Bourke, Kimberly Breiland, Daniel Castricone, Lucy Cerezo Scully

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristine DiFrancesco
District Clerk