

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, April 12, 2021
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Tara Sears
Jake Sauer-Jones
Sarah Williams

Board Member Absent: Mike Sharp

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the CSE/CPSE/504 report, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Financial: Larry Ringer informed the Board that the school's fuel costs are significantly lower than last year.

Motions/ Discussion **MOTION:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Cindy Homer, Jennifer Glode, and Mary Cooper as Budget Vote Workers on May 18, 2021, from 12:30-8:30 at \$15 hr or their present hourly wage whichever is higher for Budget Vote 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm, seconded by Tara Sear. Erwin Morris asked if the time change was State or County mandated and Mike Markwica explained that the administration felt it would be easier to have voting take place after the students left for the day and were considering a possible drive-thru approach. Jake Sauer-Jones asked if that was necessary since people can go inside to get vaccinated. Keep the six-foot rule for safety. Mike Markwica agreed and suggested that we could showcase some of our student's work. Motion carried.

MOTION: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept Peter Gilbertson's letter of Retirement as of October 20, 2021, with an appreciation for all his years of service seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

MOTION: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept Maria Glode's letter of Retirement as of June 25, 2021, with an appreciation for all her years of service, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

MOTION: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept Pattie Ordway's letter of Retirement as of June 30, 2021, with an appreciation for all her years of service, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

MOTION: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Jake Sauer-Jones as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the modified baseball team for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

MOTION: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Phil Goodman as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the varsity softball team for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

MOTION: Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to accept the **BOARD RESOLUTION** that authorizes participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties BOCES for bids awarded in the 2021-2022 school year for the following commodities: Bread, Ice Cream, Milk, Canned-Frozen-Meat, NOI, Produce, Cafeteria Paper Products, USDA Commodity-Fee For Service, Custodial Products and Copy Paper & Envelopes, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

DISCUSSION: Rachel DeGroat reported that Judy Cook met with the Finance Committee and gave a report of the Claims Audit. Mrs. Cook found a few minor mistakes and corrections were made.

MOTION: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the 2021-2022 Johnsburg Central School Budget that was presented at the March 22, 2021 Board of Education Meeting for the sum of \$11,858,510 which is an increase of 3.97%, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones. Erwin Morris asked if staffing and employee additions and subtractions were included in the proposal and Mike Markwica reported that all retiring staff will be replaced. Erwin Morris then asked Larry Ringer is this budget is based on our existing health care policies and Larry Ringer said yes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Mike Markwica reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the process allowed to use the stimulus money provided by the Federal Government. He said Larry Ringer will be attending a meeting to gather more information.

Updates:

MOVING FORWARD: Mike Markwica reported the school is making plans for outdoor activities. A large tent is being rented and will be used for: prom, sports banquet, National Honor Society inductions, pre-school graduation. He also reported that the Governor came out with graduation guidelines today and more thought to graduation will be taking place.

Rachel DeGroat told the Board that students are fundraising for the prom.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked if the students were okay with the prom being in a tent on our field and Heather Flanagan said they were all excited.

Mike Markwica spoke of having an “Honor’s Day” event in place of Honor’s Night for students in grades 7-12. Tara Sears asked if the event could be lived streamed and Mike Markwica said he would look into it.

Mike Markwica also reported that 8th and 9th graders will be doing something with Travel Club. More information will be announced.

Heather Flanagan reported that the Elementary Fun Day will be rescheduled for Friday, April 16th.

Other Business:

Sarah Williams asked if any new guidelines for transportation were created by the State. Mike Markwica explained that the guidelines sent out were actually more strict than the original guidelines that

we follow.

Sarah also asked if we could find out where we are on having a flashing school zone light and sign out front on Main Street. Mike Markwica said he will talk to Officer Gould regarding this.

Sarah Williams also asked if there was a possibility of having sidewalks put in on Main street. Tara Sears suggested we reach out to the County. Jake Sauer-Jones suggested that the Board reach out to Town Supervisor, Andrea Hogan.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked if students had to wear masks on the bus all the time and Mike Markwica said yes. Jake Sauer-Jones was questioning the mandated policies on transportation if masks were worn and suggested we need to consider changing these mandates to fit our needs. Mike Markwica said he will talk to Fred Morse. Jake Sauer-Jones said that if Fred Morse suggests we move seating arrangements we need to okay the changes as a Board.

Erwin Morris stated that he read in the latest issue of "On Board" that transportation is not a requirement. Mike Markwica stated school transportation is mandated by the state.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked if we were allowing spectators to sporting events. Mike Markwica stated the league is discussing it and the two spectators per athlete are being discussed. If we have spectators, we will have to consider hiring chaperones to make sure safety rules are followed.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked if the seniors were going on a day trip and Heather Flanagan stated the class is looking into the possibility of taking one.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:48, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____