

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, August 12, 2024  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Minutes

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat  
Melissa Freebern  
Chris Jay  
Tom Ordway  
Tara Sears  
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: Erwin Morris

**Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 6:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the CSE/CPSE/504 report, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

**Agenda Changes:** Rachel DeGroat made two agenda changes:  
V. Items for Discussion and/or Action  
Letter K. Motion to approve the horizontal promotion, MA+12, for Kim McKenna, as per the JCSTA contract.  
Letter L. Motion to accept the resignation of Erika Patton as Trap Club Advisor, effective immediately.

**Motions:** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to move to an Executive Session at 6:05 pm for Contractual discussion, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to return to Regular Session at 6:39, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the new cell phone policy, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Mike Markwica informed the Board of upcoming dates for Merger meetings. September 16, 2024 ( originally a BOE meeting), is the joint District/Community meeting at Tannery Pond, in North Creek, at 6 pm.

The BOE Merger vote is scheduled for both Districts for September 23, 2024 (new BOE monthly meeting date). Both Boards will vote on whether to move forward with the Straw vote or stop the process at 6 pm after the opening of the meeting.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Danielle Bonanno as a Co-Coach for the Cross Country Team as per the JCSTA contract for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Charlize Bernard as a Teaching Assistant at Step 1, as per the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2024, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Mike Markwica explained that the District has lost two teaching assistants. We are only filling one teaching assistant position at this time.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the District Wide Safety Plan, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the contract between Heather Flanagan and the Johnsbury Central School Board of Education, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the 2024 Johnsbury Central School Tax Warrant, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept Elizabeth Dague as a tuition student for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Peter Olesheski as the Trap Advisor at the contractual rate, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the letter of resignation from Michelle Krzypkowski, elementary special education teacher, with gratitude, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the horizontal promotion, MA+12, for Kim McKenna, as per the JCSTA contract, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the letter of resignation from Erika Patton as Trap Advisor, with gratitude, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

**Update Reports:**

Mike Markwica said he has spoken to the county regarding our new road signs for school crossings. They will be installed when the road is completed.

Mike Markwica mentioned that Parent Square is up and running and staff and parents have received an invite. There will be a training for staff on Staff Day, September 3rd.

Heather Flanagan reported that Camp Inspire has started for the 2024-2025 school year, and there are twenty students attending from grades 7-12.

Heather Flanagan also reported that Summer School will end next week, and it is going well.

**Adjournment:**

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 6:58 pm, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.