

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, December 12, 2022
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Erwin Morris

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Chris Jay and carried.
- Financial:** Larry Ringer updated the Board on the upcoming budget. He reported on the Handicapped Bus that will be purchased. He also reported a 10% rate increase in health insurance. Tom Ordway asked about the cost of fuel oil. Larry Ringer stated that oil prices are going down.
- Presentation:** Garrett Hamlin presented for Tetra Tech. He provided a hand-out, as well as a PowerPoint presentation regarding the building survey. Once the information is finalized, the plan goes to SED. Garrett Hamlin also reported on our next steps. The Building Committee will meet and go over the information Tetra Tech presented.
- Katy Ashe presented on NYSSMA and Area All-State. She

brought two students with her: Caroline Williams and Andy Cole. The students spoke about their experiences with NYSSMA and Area All-State. Caroline also spoke on her four-day experience with All-State.

Matt Wells presented a Youth and Government introduction video and explained the benefits of joining the club.

Ben McAndrew spoke on the possibility of starting an Elementary Downhill Skiing Club for 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade students. He provided a handout. He is looking to offer Friday night lessons at the ski bowl.

Discussion:

Non-Certified Substitute pay.

Mike Markwica stated that the minimum wage was increasing and our non-certified sub-rate falls below the new rate.

Motions:

Tom Orway made a **MOTION** to increase the substitute non-certified rate of pay to \$103 per day and to increase the certified substitute rate of pay to \$121 per day, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Judy Cook as Claims Auditor effective December 1, 2022, with gratitude, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Mary Alexander as Claims Auditor at \$1,458.33 (pro-rated), effective December 2, 2022, until June 30, 2023, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Amanda May as the Sub Caller at \$1,301.56 (pro-rated), effective January 1, 2023, until June 30, 2023, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Ben McAndrew as an advisor of the Downhill Ski Club at \$800 as per the JCSTA contract for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Committee Reports: **Policy Committee:** Rachel DeGroat spoke on the behalf of the Policy Committee. She reported the committee is working on a visitor comment procedure that will be used at BOE meetings.

Curriculum Committee: Heather Flanagan spoke on behalf of the Curriculum Committee. The members are working on plans for next year's Home & Careers as well as college courses.

Update Report: **Merger:** Mike Markwica reported that there will be a Merger meeting on Thursday, December 15th at 6 PM in the cafetorium. Members of the Minerva Board of Education, WSWHE BOCES,, and SED will be at the school. The meeting will have a live link.

Other Business: Heather Flanagan provided a quarter-one chart for high honor roll, honor roll, failing one subject, and failing two or more subjects.

Mike Markwica reported there will be an elementary, Pop Singe, and Jazz band concert on December 13th at 6 PM. Mike Markwica also reminded everyone that there will be coffee with Mike tomorrow morning in his office at 8 AM.

Adjournment: Sarah Willaims made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:40, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.