

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, December 7, 2020
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Tom Ordway
Erwin Morris
Sarah Williams
Mike Sharp (7:05)

Board Member Absent: Tara Sears
Jake Sauer-Jones

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

Approval of Minutes: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

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

Agenda Changes: Mike Markwica added an agenda change under XI. Nordic Skiing: Change Co-Coaching to Shannon Stone as Varsity Coach at \$5,923 stipend and Julie West as Modified Coach at \$4,866 stipend for the 2020-2021 school year.

Financial: Tom Ordway asked about us not getting the reimbursement from the federal government for busses/transportation. Larry Ringer explained that the miles we used for transporting meals were not reimbursed so we received a lower percentage than usual.

Motions & Discussion: **Presentation:** Erika Patton spoke about the fall season of Trap Club. Club member: Roan Olesheski, Hannah, and Lexi Sharp, and Scott Patton spoke of the successful season. Tom Ordway thanked the group and reported that he heard it was a

successful club.

MOTION: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Frank Morehouse with gratitude for time served as Head Custodian effective January 1, 2021, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried. Mike Markwica reported that the CSEA Union allowed the Administration to post the position in-house and out of the building at the same time.

MOTION: Sarah Williams made a **Motion** to appoint Shannon Stone as Varsity Nordic coach at \$5,923 and Julie West as the Modified coach at \$4,866 for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

DISCUSSION: Sports. Nordic. Mike Markwica reported that Nordic is scheduled to begin next Monday (December 16th), and asked the Board if they were still okay with this happening. Tom Ordway asked if we can set our own safety standards and Mike Markwica stated we can set our own safety rules. Mike Sharp stated that he heard most kids wore a mask all the time. He also stated that we should use the same protocol as PE (12 feet apart without masks, less than 12 feet if masks are on). Rachel DeGroat stated that our students need this sport and it was the safest sport due to being outside.

DISCUSSION: Basketball: Discussion was held regarding the idea of starting basketball in the coming weeks. The Board decided to table the idea and to look at it again at the next Board Meeting on January 11, 2020.

DISCUSSION: Yearbook Committee/Board Members:

Committee Reports: Mike Markwica explained that the three Board Members joining the newly implemented Yearbook Committee is not a good idea. This gives the impression that the Board is asking for financial donations when the Board creates the budget. After discussion, Sarah Williams will be the Board Member on the Committee.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported that the Governor of New York decides when we go into a yellow zone and Mike is in contact with the County. Dan Durkee, Warren County Public Health, is coming

to JCS to train Amber Aurilio on how to conduct the testing if and when we become yellow. If we do not get enough permission from parents to test we will have to go remote. The state requires a 20% testing of student and staff population for two weeks. If we move to the orange zone it is also 20% testing but in a month.

Heather Flanagan reported that the Sounds of the Season are going strong and there are 17 days of these musical numbers.

She also stated that of the eighty remotes students, 17 will return after Christmas. Fourteen of those returning will need busing.

Other Business:

Erwin Morris: Questioned why we were allowing remote students additional time for incompletes. He questioned the fairness to in-person students. Heather Flanagan replied that the procedure has always been an additional ten days are given to any student who has an incomplete for the purpose of catching up.

Mike Sharp: Stated he thought the Music Department was doing a great job with the Songs of the Season and his children enjoyed performing.

Mike Sharp also asked about the shop position. Mike Markwica told the Board that Administration is working on this. It will be on the schedule for the second semester.

Mike Sharp asked if the number of Physical Education classes were increasing for the second semester. Heather Flanagan stated Jane Bruce was working on adding additional days for 7-12 grade students. Mike Sharp then asked if the school was going to keep the 12:30 dismissal time and wanted to let the Board know he was no longer in favor of the shortened day. Discussion was held and the majority of the Board agreed with the 12:30 dismissal time.

Tom Ordway: Offered congratulations to the new Mrs. Bruce.

Visitor Comments:

Shannon Stone: Shannon Stone asked how Nordic students were getting to and from practice. Mike Markwica stated that parents would be responsible for practice transportation.

Kim McKenna: Thanked Sarah Williams for her generosity to the faculty and staff of JCS with Sarah's Cafe gift. She then stated her belief that academics should be given first priority and

extending the day will also have a negative effect on Remote Learners due to extended screen time. She believes our plan is working as is.

Erika Patton: Questioned the Board on whether or not ideas were being discussed to come up with a solution to make the basketball season work. Sarah Williams responded that at this time we do not have a gym.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:18, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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