

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, January 8, 2024
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Melissa Freebern
Chris Jay
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: Tara Sears

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 6:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504** Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.
- Agenda Changes:** Remove V. Presentation: A. CASDA
- Financial:** Liz Viele reported that the school is now under contract with Maincare Energy. We have more control over purchasing and are getting a better rate on fuel oil.
- Motion:** Tom Ordway Made a **MOTION** to accept an all-sports merger with Minerva Central School for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
Michael Markwica explained that this MOTION has to be voted on yearly.
Sarah Williams asked what year we were in and Michael Markwica stated in year four.
- Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to accept a cross-country running, Nordic, golf, and tennis merger with North Warren Central School

for the 2024-2025 school year., seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Mike Markwica explained that we have a student interested in playing golf, and they will provide their transportation.

Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to approve Kimberly McKenna's request for a Horizontal Promotion MA+6 for \$105 as of February 1, 2024, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Mike Markwica reported that this is contractual.

Discussion:

Tax Certiorari: Mike Markwica reported that he, along with Liz Viele, have an appointment with the new Town of Johnsbury Supervisor, Kevin Bean and Town Assessor Letitia Williams, on Tuesday, January 9th, to discuss the tax certiorari regarding Elederwood Nursing Home.

Mike Markwica informed the Board that the District can not set an assessment. What the Town agrees to and settles on is what the District has to go by.

He wants to verify if the nursing home was assessed by capital gains and losses because every business needs to be assessed in the same manner, stated Erwin Morris. Mike Markwica will provide an update once he has gathered more information.

Committee Reports:

School Community Relations/ Climate: The list of this year's Wall of Fame recipients were announced.

Finance: Discussed the tax certiorari and the beginning of next year's budget.

Policy and Plans: Mike Markwica asked the Board to review the draft that was submitted to the Board regarding Extra-Curricular Fees: If there are no questions, he will present it at the next meeting for the first read.

Curriculum/Staff Development: Talked about creating a college course for history (but keeping the current AP US History course), as well as the possibility of general education courses.

Update Reports:

Heather Flanagan updated the Board of the True North Staff Day scheduled for the second half of the day on January 26th.

Other Business:

Sarah Williams questioned the status of our school zone speed

signs due to witnessing cars speeding by.

Tom Ordway thanked all the people involved in our elementary ski program with Gore Mountain.

Visitor's Comments:

David Pede spoke;

He suggested that the board create an AI policy.

He stated that there is a no-hat policy, but the District has a "hat Day" fundraiser, he believes that this sends mixed messages to students.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 6:26 pm, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.