

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, July 31, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Tom Ordway
Erwin Morris

Call to Order:

Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 8:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Financials:

Mike Markwica introduced Liz Viele as our new Business Official.

Motion:

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of David Pede, Science Teacher, effective August 31, 2023, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Rachel Pietryka as an Art Teacher, Step 1 BA in the JCSTA contract, effective September 1, 2023, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Maria Glode as a Mentor to Rachel Peitryka, art teacher, at \$37.59 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams.

Mike Markwica explained that art is an area where there is not

another teacher, so having Maria Glode as an external mentor will be an asset for Rachel and our students. Motion carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the changes in the 2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, seconded by Tara Sears. Heather Flanagan explained the five changes that need to be made to the handbook. Motion carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution, dated July 18, 2023, with Community Bank, NA, to supersede all prior resolutions, seconded by Sarah Williams. Mike Markwica explained that this motion is to add Liz Viele to the bank cards. Motion carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Jodie Seymour and Joe San Antonio as Co-Advisors for the Natural Helpers Club at \$550 per advisor for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Chris Jay. Tara Sears asked if students needed to sign-up each year to join the club or are they already in. Mike Markwica stated that the students are automatically in the club but still need to do the training each year. Motion Carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams. Mike Markwica explained that this form allows area schools to transport students from other districts. Motion carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Brooke Thissell as a Teaching Assistant, Step 1 of the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2023, seconded by Melissa Freebern. Mike Markwica stated that Brooke Thissell was a long-term sub last year and did a nice job. Motion carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Laura Achouatte as a Teaching Assistant, Step 1 of the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2023, seconded by Sarah Williams. Mike Markwica reported that Laura Achouatte has a Bachelor's degree in English

and is considering returning for her Education degree. Motion carried.

Update Report:

Merger: Mike Markwica reported that there is a meeting with CASDA and BOCES is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Minerva Central School in the gymnasium. This meeting is to have CASDA present on their proposal on how they would perform the study. The two Boards would then have to vote to move forward.

Other: Mike Markwica reported on the progress of the summer cleaning. The custodial staff is working hard and is in a good position.

Heather Flanagan reported on the progress of Summer school. So far it has been very successful.

Visitor's Comments:

George Zimmerman spoke on behalf of David Pede.

Aden Millington spoke on behalf of David Pede.

Peg Villeneuve spoke on behalf of David Pede.

Evan Bonanno spoke on behalf of David Pede

Merle Kurzrock spoke on behalf of David Pede.

Danielle Bonanno spoke on behalf of David Pede.

David Pede spoke and stated that he resigned because the school required him to in place of receiving a letter of termination.

Lillian San Antonio spoke on behalf of David Pede.

Sarah Fink spoke and asked for the science department to be included in the decisions from now on.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:37, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.