

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, March 13, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 5:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears, Erwin Morris abstained and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- Financial:** Mike Markwica explained the new edition of Summary of Meals.
- Motion:** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the
Johnsburg Central School District hereby accepts the
resignation of Lawrence Ringer as Business Official,
effective March 24, 2023, and approves the Separation
Agreement dated March 7, 2023. The Board authorizes the
Board President to execute any and all documents to
finalize the terms of said agreement and authorizes
payment thereunder,
seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the following Resolution
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the
Johnsburg Central School District hereby appoints
Kathleen Spring as the Interim Business Official,
effective February 21, 2023, and approves the agreement
dated March 13, 2023, setting forth the terms and
conditions of such employment.
seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Shannon Ryan as
substitute District Treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year,
seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to authorize Kathleen Spring and
Shannon Ryan to sign school checks for the 2022-2023 school
year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the Corporate
Authorization Resolution, dated February 27, 2023, with
Community Bank, NA, to supersede all prior resolutions, seconded
by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Mark Warnecke as a
Co-Trap Advisor, receiving a quarter of the stipend, as stated in the
JCSTA contract, for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Tara
Sears and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to allow TruGreen to apply
Herbicide/Pesticide: The Johnsburg Central School District, BOE,
with the knowledge, consent, and approval of the School
Superintendent, Michael J. Markwica, requests: and authorizing
the Head of Buildings and Grounds, Frank Morehouse, Jr., to
arrange for the TruGreen Control Company to make the
application of necessary pesticides/herbicides to the fields to
combat the destructive influences currently present, seconded by
Sarah Williams. Tom Ordway asked if this was our best option,
and Mike Markwica stated that our fields were destroyed when we
did not make this application. Rachel DeGroat asked if it was
applied when students were out of school, and Mike Markwica

stated that when necessary, flags were put into place. MOTION carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to accept the 2023-2024 District Calendar, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to accept the updated Wellness Policy 5661, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Sarah Williams thanked Heather Flanagan for her hard work putting the policy together.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to allow American Legion Post 629 permission to use a Johnsbury Central School bus on June 25, 2023, to transport candidates to the annual Boys State event in Morrisville, New York, with the understanding that Mr. Sears, as a substitute bus driver for the District, will be the sole driver and the American Legion Post 629 will be responsible for a per-mile fee that includes maintenance and fuel, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Mike Markwica explained that Paul Sears came to the District with a request letter. Mike Markwica went on to explain that the bus would transport students from other districts as well.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Ben McAndrew as a co-coach for the tennis team, splitting the stipend as stated in the JCSTA contract with Harold Caldwell, an employee of Minerva Central School for the 2022-2023 school year seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Heather Flanagan will report to the Board the number of tennis participants for the 2022-2023 school year.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

Mike Markwica reported that the Budget Committee met, and they will be sending the Board Members information before the next Board of Education meeting. Mike Markwica asked the Board to please send all questions right away.

Update Report:

Town of Johnsbury:

Mike Markwica met with the Town Supervisor and the Parks and Recreation director.

Lobby Days:

Mike Markwica informed the Board that he went to Lobby Day in Albany last week meeting with five legislatures regarding our needs

Blackboard:

Mike Markwica reported that our webpage company, Blackboard was sold, and the District is looking into a new system for both the website and mobile app.

Erwin Morris asked about the initial cost, and Mike Markwica explained we would receive a discount for migrating our information.

Merger:

Mike Markwica reported that both Johnsbury and Minerva agreed to go forth with the Merger Study. He said both superintendents are working on RFPs. When the draft is complete, he will present it to the Board.

Tom Ordway asked if there was a date for the Straw vote, and Mike Markwica said it was too early.

Archery:

Heather Flanagan reported on the Archery Club's trip to Syracuse and Johnsbury's Ryan Morris is a State Champion. Our high school team ranked seventh, and our middle school placed third and received a \$300 voucher.

Battle of the Books:

Heather Flanagan spoke on the Battle of the Books competition. Our fifth graders placed third, and all our teams did very well.

Ski Program:

Heather Flanagan informed the Board that our grades 2-4 ski program was very successful

Staff Day:

Heather Flanagan spoke on staff day. The morning session will consist of the Council of Prevention and the afternoon session will be with Tom Ordway and "Stop the Bleed."

Art Show:

Mike Markwica reported that our students presented their work at an art show at Tannery Pond.

NYSMA:

Twelve students went to NYSMA

Other Business:

Tom Ordway spoke of the positive feedback he received regarding our Trap Club.

Tom Ordway also spoke of the success of our elementary ski program. He said that his daughter, an instructor at Gore, said how much the ski instructors like having our children attend and spoke very highly of our students.

Mike Markwica said that the District is going to work with the Town of Johnsburg to give more opportunities to our students. We are hoping to add third grade next year.

Sarah Williams thanked Eric Gelber for the Jiggy Journal. She said it was very successful. Heather Flanagan will give copies to grades 4,5, and 6.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 5:36, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.