

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
March 28, 2022
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Tom Ordway
Erwin Morris
Sarah Williams
Jake Sauer-Jones
Mike Sharp

Board Member Absent: Tara Sears

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 March 14, 2022 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Jake Sauer Jones and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504: Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports, second by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Presentations: Erika Patton and Dee Sharp presented information of the Archery Club's success for the 2021-2022 school year. Club members also attended. Mike Sharp explained how scoring took place. Erika Patton spoke of the success at the State Tournament, which was held in Syracuse, NY. Individuals who placed high at the State level can attend the Regional Tournament, which will be held in Tennessee.

Allison Gonyo and Zachary Pierson presented as Co-Athletic Directors. They presented a handout that listed the number of athletes from each school for each sport. They also spoke of their Physical Education programs . They notified the Board that the batting cages and gym

score boards are in need of replacement. They discussed the Elementary program and their plans for the future. Tom Ordway suggested they host an athletic “Open House” so parents can see what their children do in P.E. class. Jake Sauer-Jones asked if either teacher would be interested in weight training. Zachary Pierson said he took a class and would be interested in offering training.

Discussion:

Budget

Mike Markwica explained the budget process and said that the Public Budget Presentation is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 6 pm.

Mike Markwica explained the possibility due to the town’s recent assessment of offering a budget with a 0% levy increase. He stated what a 0% levy increase would be and why this year would be the year to provide this to the taxpayers. State Aid increased, which would cover the increase to the budget.

Sarah Williams asked if this could hurt us in future years, and Mike Sharp asked if this would impact our taxpayers later if we needed to increase. Mike Markwica stated he did not believe that would be an issue for either.

Rachel DeGroat said that we are providing information to the public and the community will be informed.

The Board agreed to create a Budget with a 0% Tax Levy increase.

Reading:

Rachel DeGroat had the first reading of the Sun Safety Wellness Policy.

Jake Sauer-Jones explained that the school met with representatives from Glens Falls Hospital about students wearing sunscreen. As of now, students are not allowed to bring sunscreen into the building because it is considered medicine. With our new policy, students will be allowed to use it while at school with parent permission.

Motions:

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Jessica Morehouse as a Cleaner at Step 1 in the 2016-2021 CSEA contract effective March 29, 2022, seconded Mike Sharp and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Melissa Moos as a volunteer coach for Modified Softball for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to allow TruGreen to apply Herbicide/Pesticide: The Johnsbury Central School District, BOE, with the knowledge, consent, and approval of the School Superintendent Michael J. Markwica requests 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.

Tom Ordway stated that we have a lot of cancer in the school and questioned if TruGreen was the right way to go. Mike Markwica stated that he does not see us as having a higher cancer rate than other schools.

Mike Sharp asked if we could arrange the application for a different time, and Mike Markwica informed the Board that this is the time the fields need to be worked on. The Motion was seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Christine Powers as a volunteer assistant coach for tennis for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones. Tom Ordway asked if this was a player's mother. Mike Markwica said it was. The Motion was carried.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported two students have been diagnose with COVID since our last Board meeting. Heather Flanagan spoke of the success of this year's Battle of the Books reading competition.

Heather Flanagan also reported that NYS testing will begin tomorrow (March 29, 2022).

Heather Flanagan stated Administration has decided to stick with the 2:30 dismissal of athletes who need to travel

to Minerva Central School. She gave a detailed explanation of why this was the best decision. She did explain that with an additional driver, the plan would go back to normal.

Tom Ordway agreed with this decision.

Mike Sharp stated he was not in favor and said that academic time was more important.

Mike Markwica reported that our newest driver should be ready by the end of April.

Mike Markwica reported on the increase in fuel. He stated last year's cost was \$1.76 compared to \$3.80 this year.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway stated he does not like the new table set up.

Visitor's Comments:

Joe San Antonio told the Board that his son loved Archery and thanked the Board for giving the students the opportunity.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:19, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____