

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 13, 2024
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Melissa Freebern
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 6:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504 Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Agenda Changes:

- A. Item V. Presentation: Tracy Watson and Kristen Varney will present on behalf of the Junior High Travel Club.
- B. Item IX. Other Business: There will be an Executive Session for personnel issues with no action.

Presentations:

Trap Club: Erika Patton spoke of the Trap Club's year. Four members went to Nationals in Michigan last summer. The year is broken down into two seasons: Fall and Spring. There were seven members in the fall and eleven in the spring. Six members will participate in the State tournament held in Syracuse, this June. Minerva Central School has been a part of the club for two years. Jake Sauer-Jones thanked the Board of Education for giving students this opportunity.

Travel Club: Tracy Watson and Kristen Varney spoke on the success of this year's Junior High Travel Club trip to Boston and

the surrounding areas. They added a stop in Salem, Massachusetts which was very popular.

Next year's trip will be in Washington, DC.

Rachel DeGroat thanked Tracy Watson for her many years as an advisor: this was Tracy Watson's last trip due to her impending retirement.

Motions:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Heather Olesheski and Ashleigh Lawrence as Co-Prom Advisors to equally share the stipend per the JCSTA contract for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Mike Markwica stated that this appointment was earlier than usual so there can be venue options for the class.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Heather Olesheski and Ashleigh Lawrence as Junior Class Co-Advisors to equally share the stipend per the JCSTA contract for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the Resignation of Laura Achoutte, effective 5/6/2024, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the Town of Johnsbury Youth Committee use of a district school bus Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm, beginning Monday, July 8th, and ending Friday, August 16, 2024. to transport students to the Minerva Summer Youth Program and any additional field trips as needed, with the understanding they will be responsible for securing a Johnsbury bus driver and paying \$1.37 per mile for a fuel and mileage fee, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the 2024-2025 Board of Education meeting calendar, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Committee:

Curriculum: The members discussed college courses and considered creating an attendance policy due to the program's cost. It will be put into the Student Handbook when finalized.

Policy: Melissa Freebern and Michael Markwica attended the Zoom AI meeting. The lectures talked about what AI is and suggested to consider when creating an AI policy.

Update Reports:

Mike Markwica spoke on the success of the Coronation and the Prom, which was held at the Bond in Warrensburg. He spoke of the upcoming meeting with the State regarding the revised merger feasibility study.

Heather Flanagan spoke on the success of Austin Lupo attending the Archery Tournament in Tennessee. She spoke of the upcoming Town Clean-up days with high school on Thursday and grades four through six on Friday. Heather Flanagan also spoke of the students in grades 4-6 working with the American Legion to place American Flags on veteran's grave sites at the different local cemeteries.

Executive Session:

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Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:33 pm., seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:55 pm, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.