

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, November 23, 2020
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

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

Board Members Remote: Tara Sears

Board Member Absent: N/A

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Agenda Changes: Mike Markwica added an agenda change under XI. Adjournment: **MOTION** to approve an executive session for negotiations.

Motions & Discussion: **MOTION:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the 2019-2020 annual audit, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

DISCUSSION: Winter Sports. Mike Markwica reported that the date for low to moderate risk sports is 12/14/20 and high risk sports have a start date of 1/4/2021. Mike Markwica reported that he met with the Nordic coaches, Shannon Stone and Julie West to talk about their safety concerns and protocols.

DISCUSSION: Claims Audit Report: Judy Cook presented her report to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reported that everything looks good.

MOTION: Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to approve Alex Garrido as Mechanic's Helper at \$16.05 per hour beginning Tuesday, November 24, 2020, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried. Mike Sharp asked what level this was on the CSEA contract and Mike Markwica replied it was level 18.

Committee Reports:

Rachel DeGroat reported that the Finance Committee met and will discuss more in Executive Session.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported that the Lighting Project (NYS Power Authority) is coming to a close. Most lights in the building are controlled by an Ipad. He also explained that the light switches need to be left on to keep the system running smoothly.

Mike Markwica explained the "Zones" as determined by the NYS Governor, and what protocol we will need to implement in each zone. Mike Sharp asked if we had enough tests to conduct the 20% student population and 20% staff population, and Mike Markwica replied the county stated they did. Mike Markwica stated that student testing will be performed with parent permission and staff are mandatory. Jake Sauer-Jones asked if they will be rapid testing and Mike Markwica replied they will be. Tara Sears offered to come to the school to give the tests when the time comes. Erwin Morris asked what triggers the testing and Mike Markwica explained if our area becomes a yellow zone (3% or 3.5% positive cases) we will need to test to remain open. Mike

Sharp

asked if we were going to double test and Mike Markwica said no just a random 20% testing. Sarah Williams stated that it is the Board's decision to stay open/remote learning but the County makes the decision on when we will need to test.

Mike Markwica reported to the Board that beginning December 1st, the music department will showcase student's talent each morning on YOUTUBE, (<https://youtu.be/nmvBbe9DJPY>) with the Songs of the Season.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway: Ran into Russ Moro, who still has a long way to

go on his recovery but wanted everyone at JCS to know he misses coming into work and hopes to return shortly.

Sarah Williams: Asked for an update regarding the new crosswalks that were installed in front of the school. Mike Markwica explained that our Resource Officer, Robert Gould, noticed we did not have a crosswalk or a school zone out front of our building and called the county. Last week, a crosswalk and signs were installed and a school zone sign will be installed at a later date.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:31 to an Executive Session for Negotiations, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:13, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____