

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, November 9, 2020
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Tom Ordway
Erwin Morris
Sarah Williams
Mike Sharp

Board Members Absent: Tara Sears
Jake Sauer-Jones

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 October 13, 2020, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

Agenda Changes: Mike Markwica added an agenda change under V. Items for Discussion and/or Action: Letter C. **MOTION** to approve the report of the return taxes to Warren County.

Motions & Discussion: **PRESENTATION:** Scott Preusser presented a report on the annual audit. He suggested starting a Capital Reserve next year for the next building project. He also reported that the State will not be giving out funding for transportation since schools were not in session.

DISCUSSION: Winter Sports. Mike Markwica reported that there has been no information from the State regarding winter sports, but did include three possible start dates (11/30, 12/15/11/4). Heather Flanagan and Mike Markwica spoke to Gore Mountain to get a feel of the mountain's perspective. Mountain Manager, Bone Bayse told Administration that the section has not reached out to them yet, but private groups have. There are already rules and protocols in place. The Adirondack League is looking for an answer regarding our position on Nordic Skiing. Mike Markwica stated our school physician stated that Basketball can not go forward but Nordic is a possibility. Ryan Carpenter spoke with the Nordic coaches and a list of concerns was discussed. Mike Sharp expressed his thoughts on wanting Nordic to start as long as steps can be taken for the student's safety. Tom Ordway stated he would like to see us participate. He went on to say that even if we don't, other schools will be coming to Gore where our students will be. He went on saying that the Section needs to make the sport safe. Erwin Morris asked if there was a possibility of still having all three seasons. Tom Ordway stated that he heard Minerva has agreed to not have sports at all this year. Mike Markwica responded that the new Superintendent said no to basketball not all sports. He also reported that Golden Goal has a \$500/\$800 membership fee as well as \$300 fee for each game played there. Ryan Carpenter is still looking into Monroe town fields.

MOTION:

Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to accept approve the 2020 report of the return taxes to Warren County seconded Sarah Williams and carried. Erwin Morris asked if we were voting on the return with or without state land revenue and Larry Ringer said without. Mike Markwica informed the Board that if a tax bill is sent post-marked after the date, we do not accept the check. Instead we return the check to the taxpayer and wait for a new check with the appropriate late fee penalty added. He stressed that the district does not lose any money this way.

Committee Reports:

Mike Markwica reported that the Finance Committee met and worked on understanding of the budget and process.

Mike Markwica reported that the Policy Committee met and are working on a 24 page Sexual Harrassment Discrimination policy.

Heather Flanagan reported that the Wall of Fame Committee met and they have chosen four alumni and one community member. They still need to choose one more alumnus. Information will be shared with the Board soon.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported that Administration has met with the Re-Opening Committees, High School and Elementary again to get feedback for the start of the second semester.

Heather Flanagan reported the Student Counsel is working on a survey to distribute to the students for feedback on how the year is going.

Heather Flanagan also reported that the Art room will be used as the new fifth grade classroom and Mrs. Glode's art supplies, as well as the teaching assistants and aids, will relocate on the north side of the cafetorium due to the noise levels.

Tom Ordway asked if we are still working towards having the fifth and sixth graders be a middle school, Heather Flanagan said we are. Tom then asked if we went back to them being considered elementary, would we have more classroom space. Heather Flanagan explained that the size of the classroom depends on the number of students, teachers, and schedules.

Mike Sharp asked why the Makerspace room was not being used as a classroom. Mike Markwica and Heather Flanagan explained that it is being used as an isolation room, which is needed, and the size of the room is misleading. With the break-up of other rooms, Maker-Space was not large enough to host a classroom.

Mike Sharp asked if there was any discussion on going back to a full day. Heather Flanagan replied discussion yes.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway: Thanked everyone who attends the virtual Board meetings and appreciated them listening, giving feedback and working with the Board.

Mike Sharp: Reported that ten children participated in Trap this season with eight getting in all five scores. Students had a good time.

Erwin Morris: questioned whether the Jottings could list the Honors Night classroom awards and could certificates be sent home to the winners. Mike Markwica will look into this.

Visitor Comments:

Ryan Carpenter: Ryan clarified the date of 11/30/20 as the soonest start date for low-risk sports and said the Athletic Association has not set a date for high-risk sports at this time.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:14 to an Executive Session for Negotiations, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

Mike Sharp made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:36, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____