

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, October 21, 2024
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Tara Sears

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

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

Melissa Freebern made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the CSE/CPSE/504 report, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Agenda Changes: Under V Presentations:
B: Amanda May will present on behalf of the Archery club

Presentations: **Tetra Tech:** Garrett Hamlin presented a PowerPoint for the 2026-2027 building project/science room renovation.

Archery Club: Amanda May reported that there are 34 students enrolled in the Archery Club from grades 4 - 11. They have received grant money to purchase new equipment.

Motions: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to move to an Executive Session at 6:27 pm for personnel employment, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
Melissa Freebern made a **MOTION** to return to Regular Session at 7:08, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Sarah Williams made a Motion to approve the following.
Resolution of the Tax Cert Settlement of 112 Ski Bowl Road, LLC.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the proposed settlement of the tax certiorari proceedings pending in the Supreme Court, Warren County, under the caption of 112 Ski Bowl Road, LLC v. T/O Johnsbury (Index Nos. EF2018-65568; EF2019-66957; F2020-68001; EF2021-69271; EF2022-70364; EF2023-71588; EF2024-72823) pursuant to the terms of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Order, and authorizes District counsel to execute same on behalf of the District; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement and Order, the issuance of a school tax refund in the amount of \$97,478.58; and it is further

RESOLVED, that insofar as the District is liable under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and Order for a refund of school taxes in the amount of \$97,458.58, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Tax Certiorari Reserve to be decreased by \$97,458.58, to be used in accordance with applicable law for the purpose of paying the refund obligation arising from the Stipulation of Settlement and Order.

Seconded by Tom Ordway. Mike Markwica reported that the school's attorney, along with the attorney from the Town of Johnsbury worked together to create parameters to settle with the LLC. It is now in front of a judge.

Erwin Morris opposed. MOTION passed.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to approve the following resolution to terminate the employment of Tazlynn Johnson.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Johnsbury Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the employment of Tazlynn Johnson, effective retroactive to October 8, 2024.

seconded by Tom Ordway. and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Joe San Antonio and Peter Morehouse as co-coaches, along with recognizing Matt Brown from Minerva Central School for the 2024-2025 Nordic team, splitting the stipend three ways as per the JCSTA contract, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Katlynn Bennett and Allison Gonyo as co-coaches for girl's modified basketball for the 2024-2025 school year, per the JCSTA contract, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Thomas Zauner and Jake Sauer-Jones as co-coaches for boy's modified basketball, per the JCSTA contract for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Aaron Chambers as the boy's varsity basketball coach for the 2024-2025 school year, per the JCSTA contract, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

The Board of Education acknowledged the following coaches who are appointed by Minerva Central School.
Lizbeth Ordway - Varsity girl's
Matt Brown - Nordic

Committee Reports:

Finance:

The Finance Committee began looking at the transition of the administration and business office.

Update Reports:

Heather Flanagan reported that SoccerFest was well attended and the 5K was added this year.

Mike Markwica reported that BOCES sent out the 2024-2025 priority list to discuss with members of the State Legislature. The States' heat requirement was discussed. The expense to obtain the state's goals are extremely high. Our District has window air conditioners installed in each room that students take regent exams.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway thanked everyone who made the start of the school year successful. He also stated that SoccerFest was a success and the Jr. Prom's fundraiser was very successful.

He spoke of how sorry he was for the two employees who recently lost their spouses, and he gave high praise to Fred Morse, Head Mechanic for never failing a bus inspection as well as providing the BOE members with the comparison report of electric busses vs. diesel busses.

Visitor Comments:

Deanna Sharp:

Stated that she has yet to hear back from the Administration on her request to coach both levels of archery. She also stated that the guidelines created for archery are not being followed.

Mike Sharp:

Spoke to the public and asked why certain people were allowed to coach, but he has been denied the opportunity.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:27 pm, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy A. Homer

Date: _____