

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, October 26, 2020  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: Tara Sears

**Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Rachel DeGroat stated the the Board Minutes for October 13, 2020 will be approved at the November 9, 2020 meeting due to receiving them late.

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

**Agenda Changes:** Mike Markwica added an agenda change under V. Items for Discussion and/or Action: Letter G. **DISCUSSION** approving Peter Olesheski as a Volunteer Coach for the Trap Club.

**Motions & Discussion:** **PRESENTATION:** Co-Advisors, Maria Glode, and David Pedde spoke on the need for funding for the 2021 yearbook.  
**MOTION:** Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to give the 20/21 yearbook club \$2,500 to be reevaluated each year seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.  
An Ad Hoc committee was set up with Mike Sharp, Sarah Williams and Erwin Morris to look into ways to help the yearbook in the future.

**MOTION:** Jake Sauer-Jones made a **Motion** to accept POLICY 3520 - Extraordinary Circumstances, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

**MOTION:** Erwin Morris made a **Motion** to accept POLICY 6570 - Remote Working, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

**MOTION:** Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to accept POLICY 7150 - Remote Learning, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

**MOTION:** Jake Sauer-Jones made a **Motion** to accept POLICY 5676 - Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

**MOTION:** Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to approve Eilene Totzke for a long term sub for Russel Moro starting Monday, October 19, 2020, Step One at her degree, level one from the JCSTA contract. seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

**DISCUSSION:** Peter Olesheski has asked to be considered as a volunteer assistant coach for the Trap Club. Mike Sharp stated that regulations require one coach for every ten kids, so having three coaches available will be a benefit to the club. Tom Ordway stated he has heard many good things about the club and parents are asking for more information. Mike Markwica stated that due to the time restraints, he is asking for a motion to appoint Peter Olesheski at this meeting. Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to appoint Peter Olesheski as a volunteer coach for the 2020-2021 Trap Club, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Mike Markwica told Head Coach Erika Patton to send a flyer with enrollment information on it to the Principal's office and Heather Flanagan will make sure the students get the information.

**Committee Reports:**

Mike Markwica reported that the Finance Committee met and setting up the groundwork for upcoming contracts and budget.

**Updates:**

Mike Markwica reported that there will be no remote state test allowed this year.

He also stated that he received a letter from Warren County regarding holiday travel requirements. He will be sending out

a letter to parents and staff with the information.

Tom Ordway asked if the Town of Johnsburg is allowing Trick or Treating this year. Heather Flanagan stated she has not heard any information on that but did say that the annual Nightmare on Main Street as well as our own Trunk or Treat was canceled this year. Heather then informed the Board that Pre-K - fourth grade will partake in a virtual Halloween Parade with Google Meet and the students in Pre k-6 will receive goodies from her.

Mike Markwica informed the Board of the new 2-hour delay procedures that were created. Jake Sauer-Jones stated that some children who are transported to school may not be able to attend on days that are delayed. Mike Markwica stated those children may go remote if transportation is a problem. Erwin Morris asked if snow days are now remote days for everyone and Mike Markwica explained that we still have a 185 day calendar, needing only 180 days by State mandate. We do not have to worry about snow days unless we go over five.

Heather Flanagan reported the number of students in person and remote students failing one or more subjects. She stated that she made contact with every remote learning family.

Mike Sharp asked if the number was different than years passed or was it consistent.

Mike Markwica stated that numbers were close but the number of classes a student is failing and the grades are lower than in the past.

Mike Markwica explained that our practice for the first quarter is a circled 55 to allow students the opportunity to get their grades up. It also stated that this was the only quarter where administration changed grades.

Tom Ordway asked how remote learners connected to their teachers and Heather Flanagan said through email or google meet.

Rachel DeGroat asked if in-person students were struggling and Heather Flanagan said that Miss K contacted those students. Heather Flanagan said they were meeting to discuss semester two.

**Other Business:**

**Jake Sauer-Jones:** Asked if we have heard any more on sports. Mike Markwica said not at this time but Ryan Carpenter will be attending a meeting soon so there may be an update soon.

**Rachel DeGroat:** Reported that she heard we were not giving out Gore passes this year. Heather Flanagan stated that was not true. Gore Mountains procedure has changed this year and the application is available on Facebook as well as our website. Mike Markwica responded that Johnsburg Central School has nothing to do with the Gore ski pass program. That program is run by the Town of Johnsburg.

**Jake Sauer-Jones:** Reported that we (JCS) weren't doing anything musical this year. Mike Markwica stated that we were. Max Garrett and Katy Ashe are working with students on "Songs of the Season". A five minute musical each morning for the last seventeen days before the break.

**Tom Ordway:** Reported that students are interested in doing an AM announcement each day. Heather Flanagan is working with students to create a morning program after the holiday break.

**Visitor Comments:**

**Kim McKenna:** She asked if anyone has heard of the State having January Regents. Mike Markwica said no. She said that she would like to see the school's ski program have both second and third grade next year since there is not a program this year.

**Erika Patton:** Reported that the Town of Johnsburg Youth Commission is trying to offer a Thursday/Friday ski program for children in third grade and up. More information to be released soon.

**Adjournment:**

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:31 seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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