

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, April 17, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:01 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- Financial:** The financial reports were reviewed, and Rachel DeGoat asked her if she had anything to report. She said no, just what Shannon Ryan had put on the cover sheet.
- Presentations:**
- Ski Program:** Kim McKenna presented a slide show while she spoke of the 2nd and 3rd-grade ski program. She spoke of the program's goals for next year and thanked all the individuals as well as everyone at Gore Mountain who helped make the program's third year a success. The Board expressed their support and appreciation to all that helped the program be successful.
- BOTB:** Ilena Corr presented for Battle of the Books. She spoke of the success of this year's teams and explained the criteria

and days schedule. Ms. Corr brought five students with her who spoke of the program: Olive Arilio, Harley Donohue, Aaden Sauer-Jones, Aura Hitchcock, and Finn Morris. Mr. Markwica asked the group if they liked virtual or in-person competition better, and each student stated their reasons for choosing in-person as their favorite. The Board thanked the students for attending and expressed their support for the program.

Budget: Mike Markwica and Kathy Spring presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the 2023-2024 Johnsburg Central School's \$12,345,315 school budget. Board members asked questions and Mr. Markwica and Mrs. Spring answered.

Motion:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the 2023-2024 Johnsburg Central School Budget, at \$12, 345,315, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the 2021-2022 Corrective Action Plan in response to the Management Letter from the single audit of the Johnsburg Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2022, prepared by Raymond Preusser CPA, PC., seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the 2021-2022 Corrective Action Plan in response to the Management Letter from the single audit of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the Johnsburg Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2022, prepared by Raymond Preusser CPA, PC., seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjust the area of Tenure for David Pede, from Computer Science to Physics. His four-year tenure track is still scheduled for June 2023, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Dr. MaryEllen Mahar from the position of Pre K-12 Art Teacher effective June 23, 2023, seconded by Tom Ordway with gratitude and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Cindy Homer, Mary Cooper, and Cassie Noel as Budget Vote Workers on May 16, 2023, from 11:30-8:30 at their present hourly wage, for Budget Vote, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm., seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the Cooperative Bidding Health-Safety Management Goods and Services for water sampling and testing from the Capital Region and WSWHE BOCES for school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway asked if we could hire the town's water tester to test our water, and Mike Markwica explained that the state only allows certain companies and our BOCES gets the best bid for us. It was also asked why we could not use the test results from the town water sampling. Mr. Markwica stated that the testing also included the fact that the water has to go through the school's water system.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to accept the Jr. High Travel Club's trip to Washington, DC., and Gettysburg for May 4 - 7th, 2023, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Sarah Williams spoke on the Board, working to create the opportunity for all students to participate in this trip. Further discussion will be scheduled. Rachael DeGroat asked Heather Flanagan to gather information from the club's advisors.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

Mike Markwica thanked the Budget Committee for working hard on creating next year's budget.

Update Report:

Merger:

Mike Markwica reported that the committee was looking into applying for a grant to pay for the Merger Study, but it seems like the grant may be the same amount each district will receive in BOCES aid. He explained that it is a year-long process and there are no bids at this time.

Heather Flanagan reported on the success of the Battle of the Books competition, the 3rd and 4th-grade ski programs, and The Little Mermaid musical production. She informed the Board

that Julia Morris, a senior, was the recipient of the 'Teen Excellence Award from the Post Star, last month at a breakfast ceremony at Adirondack Community College. She also announced that senior, Erin Corr was nominated for The Adirondack Area School Boards Association Award where she will be honored at a dinner in May. Heather Flanagan then reported on the accomplishment of Caroline Williams, who was selected to participate in the All-Eastern Ensemble performance in Rochester, New York. Sarah Williams told the Board of the highly skilled student musical performance and what the students did in the short time together. The 224 students selected were from states in the country's eastern region.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway reported that The Sun newspaper mentioned the success of our winter sports athletes. He then said he was asked a question about retirees and how the merger will affect them. Mike Markwica said he would speak | to Tom Ordway in more detail when more information is provided.

Mike Markwica informed the Board that the next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is on Tuesday, April 25th for the purpose of voting on the BOCES budget and their Board of Education members.

Mike Markwica suggested that this meeting be rescheduled from 7 PM to 8 AM due to the specific agenda and having another meeting in a week. He stated that many school districts hold this meeting in the day. All Board members agreed to the time change. Information regarding this time change will be posted on the website, electronic bulletin board and our Facebook page.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:20, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.