

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
April 26, 2022  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat  
Tara Sears  
Tom Ordway  
Sarah Williams

Board Member Absent: Erwin Morris  
Jake Sauer-Jones  
Mike Sharp

**Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:01 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Williams made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

**Agenda Changes:** Add Letter I under Items for Discussion and/or Action:  
Motion to Appoint Mike Sharp and Andy Bennett as co-coaches for the eighth-grade modified softball team with the stipend is to be split and paid per diem starting April 26, 2022.

Add Letter J under Items for Discussion and/or Action:  
MOTION to accept the Johnsbury Central School and the CSEA's MOA dated July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

**Items for Discussion and/or Action:**

**Motions:** Tom Ordway made a MOTION at 7:30 to adjourn to Executive Session for contract negotiations, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION at 7:27 to return to Executive Session, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

**Discussion:**

Kelly Nessel reported on the plans the town has for the Summer Youth Program. She spoke of the Town's budget and requested the school consider giving the Town the use of our school bus for free for the six-week program. She explained the cost savings would be close to \$3,000 and that money would be used for other programs.

Mike Markwica did ask if the Town would be willing to be flexible with their hours of operation so we can pick up both programs at the same time. Mrs. Nessel stated the town did not have any interest in changing their hours at this time.

Rachel DeGroat stated this will be put on the agenda as a discussion for our next meeting.

Mike Markwica thanked Kelly Nessel for her dedication to the children of our town.

**Motion:**

Tara Sears made a MOTION to accept the Johnsbury Central School 2022-2023 school budget, seconded by Sarah Williams. Mike Markwica reminded everyone that the presentation was given at the last Board meeting. MOTION was carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to Cast a Ballot for all six members running for the BOCES Board of Education, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a MOTION to Cast Ballot for the BOCES Administrative Budget Vote, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a MOTION to appoint Anna Bowers as a part-time Home and Careers teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at step 1+MA of the JCSTA contract seconded by Tom Ordway.

Mike Markwica stated that with this hire, we now will have a CTE teacher for seventh and eighth grade. MOTION carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Shannon Stone

as a Running Coach for grades 4-6 at \$550 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to Appoint Mike Sharp and Andy Bennett as co-coaches for the eighth-grade modified softball team with the stipend to be split and paid per diem starting April 26, 2022, seconded by Sarah Williams.

Mike Markwica explained that there are two full teams and Mike Sharp is a qualified coach who is stepping up already due to an illness of the modified coach. Motion carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the Johnsbury Central School and the CSEA's MOA dated July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

**Updates:**

Larry Ringer and Mike Markwica reported that Andrea Hogan, Town of Johnsbury Supervisor, asked the Board to allow the town to continue the PILOT for the townhouses located off of Peaceful Valley Road. This would mean that the school would continue to not receive any revenue from taxes.

Tara Sears stated that residents were upset regarding this at the Town meeting and feels that taxes should be collected. Mike Markwica stated that he would ask Andrea Hogan to present at our next meeting, and Larry Ringer would gather more information.

Rachel DeGroat recommended that the Board wait until they have more information before we invite Mrs. Hogan to a meeting.

Mike Markwica spoke of this year's Community Service Award from the Adirondack Area School Boards Association. This year's award winner is Mayria Dunkley. There is a dinner reception, and all Board members are invited. Tom Ordway will attend.

Heather Flanagan reported that the NYS Math tests were taking place this week.

**Other Business:**

Tom Ordway thanked the Negotiation Committee for working on the CSEA contract.

**Adjournment:**

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:04 seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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