

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, August 22, 2022
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:
MINUTES

- Board Members Present:** Tara Sears
Sarah Williams
Chris Jay
Melissa Freebern
- Board Member Absent:** Rachel DeGroat
Tom Ordway
Erwin Morris
- Call to Order:** Tara Sears opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Williams made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.
- Agenda Changes:** Add: Presentation by Jodie Seymour for Natural Helpers Club before the Executive Session.
- Presentation:** Jodie Seymour spoke on the Natural Helpers club. She explained the club has been in existence for seven years and they work with Warren County. Students help other students. This year, the club will reach younger grades with the addition of Joe San Antonio as the second club advisor. Mrs. Seymour spoke on the training techniques that the student leaders use. She stated the club meets eight times a year; the goal is during activity periods. She stated that she foresees twenty to twenty-eight students this year.
- Executive Session:** Sarah Williams made a MOTION to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue at 7:13 PM, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to return to Executive Session at 7:40 PM, seconded by Melissa Freebern and carried.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

Motions:

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the Johnsbury Central School District 2022-2023 Tax Warrant. for \$6,212,992, seconded by Sarah Williams. Larry Ringer explained this year's tax levy, **MOTION** carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the Retirement of Julie Bromley, Kitchen Worker, effective July 26, 2022, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Carrie VanDeMark as a full-time Bus Driver at Level 23 (5 years), \$22.20 a per the CSEA contract, effective August 15, 2022. Mike Markwica explained that Carrie VanDeMark came to the District with twenty-plus years of experience but is paid according to the wording in the newest CSEA contract. **MOTION** was seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Rachael Bulera as a Math Teacher, Step 16, \$73,155 in the JCSTA contract, effective September 1, 2022, seconded by Sarah Williams. Michael Markwica reported that Rachael Bulera comes to our District with twenty-two years of teaching experience. **MOTION** carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Amanda May as the Guidance Secretary, Level 4, \$15.30, as per the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2022, seconded by Melissa Freebern. Michael Markwica stated that this position is ten months. **MOTION** carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Katelyn Bennett as a Teaching Assistant at Level 1, \$13.90, as per the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2022, seconded by Melissa Freebern. Michael Markwica state

that Katelyn Bennett will be working with some AIS Math and placed in Algebra 1A and 1B. MOTION carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Maria Glode as a Long-Term Substitute for Janelle Turcott's maternity leave, effective September 19, 2022, through February 3, 2023, at Step One at her degree, level one from the JCSTA contract, seconded by Chris Jay. Michael Markwica reminded the Board that Maria Glode taught in the Elementary before becoming an art teacher. MOTION carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Ashley Harris as a Kitchen Worker at Level 1, \$13.90, as per the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2022, seconded by Sarah Williams. Michael Markwica stated that Ashley Harris has a degree in Hospitality. MOTION carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Lynn Collins as a Mentor at \$1,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams. Michael Markwica reminded the Board that several employees are appointed as mentors, but only the ones who have a mentee for the year get paid. MOTION carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Gene Marianna as a Volunteer Coach for the girl's Varsity Soccer team for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Chris Jay. MOTION carried.

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to amend the MOTION for substitute teacher rate of pay that was approved during the July 6, 2022, Reorganizational meeting is to be as follows:

MOTION to set substitute teacher rate of pay at \$110 for certified teachers and \$92.40 for uncertified teachers (subject to minimum wage) for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Chris Jay. Michael Markwica stated that the salary listed in the July agenda was two years old. This MOTION was correcting the mistake. MOTION carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the five-year contract for Cindy Homer as Superintendent's Secretary from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to appoint Benjamin McAndrew as a Teaching Assistant Step One, \$13.90 as stated in the CSEA contract, effective September 1, 2022, seconded by Sarah Williams. Michael Markwica stated that Ben McAndrew has subbed for us as a teacher and teaching assistant. He also stated that Ben has a teaching degree. MOTION carried

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to accept Elizabeth Dague, age 10, 5th grade, as a tuition student at \$3,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Chris Jay. Michael Markwica stated she was a tuition student last year. MOTION carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Mike Sharp as Co-Advisor for the Archery Club at \$1,040 for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Melissa Freebern. Michael Markwica explained that Erika Patton needed to step down for personal reasons, and Mike offered to be a co-advisor. MOTION carried.

Discussion:

Trap Club and Minerva Central School

Michael Markwica stated that Minerva Central School asked if they could be considered to join our Trap Club. This will be the first time Minerva students will join a club. Mr. Markwica suggested Minerva join for a trial year with Johnsbury covering the cost of the advisor and Minerva helping with the cost of supplies.

SRO

Warren County phoned Michael Markwica asking Johnsbury to carry the entire \$40,000 salary for our SRO. Our first agreement was Johnsbury paying \$32,000 with the County paying for uniforms, training, and

license fees.

Tara Sears stated that Sherriff Bud York encouraged SROs for school districts, and now that they are backing out of the financial agreement.

Sarah Williams stated she thought we budgeted \$45,000 for our SRO. Larry Ringer stated that was correct, but that budget also incorporated mental health.

Mike Markwica stated that Rob Gould (our SRO) is very helpful, and he does not want to lose him.

Updates:

Michael Markwica reported that Summer School K-6 went well with an okay turn-out. The Town's Summer program did hurt us. He will continue talking to Ann Dingman to find a better solution for all.

Mike Markwica reported that all but a small few students succeed in the Credit-Recovery program. There are a few still working at this time.

Camp Aspire was created this year, and Johnsburg had twenty students attend the summer camp held at Echo Lake Camp.

The Community Sports Kick-Off is scheduled for August 25th at the Ski Bowl. There will be food, music and a slide show. This event is open to the public of both Districts.

Michael Markwica reported that Johnsburg will have a foreign exchange student from Belgium this year. The student graduated high school and comes to us for cultural and language enrichment. She will not graduate from Johnsburg but can participate in the graduation ceremony.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:15 PM, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____