

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, January 9, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Melissa Freebern
Chris Jay
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Sarah Williams
Tara Sears (7:04)

Board Members Absent: N/A

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat 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 December 12, 2022, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Melissa Freebern. Erwin Morris abstained. MOTION carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- Financial:** Larry Ringer updated the Board. He stated that we had paid our New York State Employee Retirement bill and our Bond Payment was made in the first part of December.
Tom Ordway asked about fuel costs for both heating and transportation. Larry Ringer stated the District is monitoring prices, but we are going to go over our projected budget.
Erwin Morris asked about a \$17,000 credit that was listed.
Larry Ringer explained that it was a return from a voided check.
- Presentation:** Bruce Dunkley presented on behalf of the six volunteer fire departments asking for a tax deduction for EMS and volunteer firefighters to help boost local enrollment. He brought with him Justin Gonyo and Arnold Stevens from the Johnsborg Town Board. Mr. Dunkley provided information

while asking the Board to consider a 10% assessment deduction for all volunteer firefighters and EMS workers who meet the qualifications created by the District and the State.

Rachael DeGroat thanked the men for attending, and Mike Markwica stated he would speak to other Superintendents at a meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, of this week. Mike Markwica will work with Justin Gonyo.

Erika Patton presented on behalf of the accomplishments of the 2021-2022 Trap Club. She brought Peter and Rowan Olesheski and Jerimaha Freebern to talk about their successful season and the club's future.

Motions:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Amanda May, and Allison Gonyo, as Boys 5th and 6th Grade Elementary Basketball Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year., seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway asked if there were too many volunteers, and Mike Markwica stated that it is the coach's decision.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Kaitlyn Bennett and Ashley Snow as 5th and 6th-grade Girls Elementary Basketball Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Jake Sauer-Jones as a volunteer coach for the 5th and 6th-grade elementary basketball program for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Discussion:

Visitor's Comments:

Rachael DeGroat started a Discussion on time lengths for visitors to speak during Visitor Comments: She stated that the School Board Association recommends having time limits for public comments.

The Board decided on two-three minute timed opportunities for

visitors without a set time frame for the Visitor Comment section for all Board of Education Meetings, as well as any Merger Meetings that may take place.

Mike Markwica and Sarah Williams both reminded the Board that during the Public Comment section of the meeting, the Board should be listening, not responding.

A Motion will be presented to the Board at the next Board of Education meeting in February.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee:

The Budget Committee met and are actively working on the 2023-2024 school budget.

Update Report:

Mike Markwica reported that there was a newspaper article in *The Sun* regarding an incident that took place at school regarding marijuana-laced brownies. Mike Markwica stated he was speaking to the Council of Prevention, setting up a parent meeting.

World University Games: Mike Markwica reported that our students will receive free passes to watch events at Gore Mountain during the World University Games.

Upcoming Dates:

Rachael DeGroat added Coffee with Mike for January 10th at 8 AM.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **Motion** to adjourn to Executive Session for an update on student discipline at 8:40, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried. Erwin Morris excused himself from the session.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:08, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.