

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
March 14, 2022
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

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

Board Member Absent: Rachel DeGroat

Call to Order: Tara Sears opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Ordway made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Willams and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504: Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports, second by Erwin Morris and carried.

Financial:

General Fund Expenditures: Larry Ringer stated the district is keeping the fuel tanks as full as possible due to the rising fuel cost.

Tom Ordway asked if Larry Ringer heard any news about NYS dropping the fuel tax. Larry Ringer stated he did not.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked how the District is with our fuel budget, and Larry Ringer said we are still okay.

Jake Sauer-Jones then asked about the itemized item for our snowblower. Mike Markwica explained that a playground ball was sucked into the snowblower and caused \$5,000 in damages.

School Lunch Fund: Larry Ringer stated that he did not have a projection yet for the cafeteria but he does expect a higher revenue this year.

Motions:

Tom Ordway made a MOTION with gratitude to accept Jeff Ordway's letter of retirement seconded Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Bruce McGinn as Varsity Softball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year at \$4,140.00, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Melissa Jay as Modified Softball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year at \$2,785.00, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Zachary Pierson as Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year at \$4,140.00, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Pete Olesheski as Modified Coach for Baseball for the 2021-2022 school year \$2,785.00, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Jake Sauer-Jones as a Volunteer Assistant coach for baseball for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Mike Sharp, Jake Sauer-Jones abstained. Tom Ordway asked if Jake Sauer-Jones was volunteering for both varsity and modified. Jake Sauer-Jones stated he was. MOTION carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Mike Sharp as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the modified softball team for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams, Mike Sharp abstained. Tom Ordway asked why there were two volunteers. Mike Markwica stated there was a large number of girls that signed up. MOTION carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Andy Bennett as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the modified softball

team for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Chris Morin as Varsity Tennis Coach for the 2021-2022 school year at \$2,785.00 as per the JCSTA contract, seconded by Mike Sharp. Tom Ordway asked if we are playing in a league this year. Mike Markwica said we do. Mike Sharp asked why we joined the Adirondack league, and Mike Markwica stated that we did not get enough matches locally. Tara Sears asked if we were going to play on Minerva courts and Mike Markwick said we never did before. Jake Sauer-Jones asked why we were paying the coach a modified rate of pay. Mike Markwica stated he would check with the contract. MOTION carried.

Jake Sauer-Jones made a MOTION to approve the IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS Policy 7511, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Frank Morehouse Jr. as Asbestos Designee for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Mike Sharp. Mike Markwica stated we had already sent Frank Morehouse to the training. MOTION carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Mike Markwica reported that the committee is working on the budget and will report when there is more information.

Policy Committee: Mike Markwica stated that the Policy Committee will meet tomorrow (3/15) to discuss the Wellness Policy with staff from the Glens Falls Hospital.

Sports Merger Committee: Jake Sauer-Jones reported on the meeting stating that both sides are happy with the merge. Still working on building programs with the Elementary and improving school spirit by creating a team mascot.

Tara Sears said that the original plan was for Minerva to create their own mascot, and we would have the jaguar. She asked if Minerva did, and Mike Markwica said they did not. Mike Markwica went on to say that the plan is to ask the students what they would like the joint mascot to be.

Building Committee: Mike Sharp suggested that the Building Committee meets to discuss the lighting project. Mike Markwica reported that Frank Morehouse purchased replacement lights for the polls near the tennis courts so we can take that off our project plan. Mike Sharp asked how a purchase could have been forgotten.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported the steps we are doing to move forward with our COVID procedures. Lunch will go back to “normal” seating and times. We are initiating an early drop-off time in the morning, and concerts are back to normal procedures, still three feet apart. He also stated that we have had two positive students and one staff member since the break. Everyone was notified that needed to be. Mike Markwica has encouraged parents to pick up testing kits and spoke of wearing masks after the five-day quarantine was lifted for an additional five days. Mike Sharp stated that students would be tagged as COVID by following these rules. Mike Markwica noted that students do have the option to stay home for the entire ten days.

Mike Sharp asked if students and staff were still wearing masks, and Mike Markwica stated some still were.

Heather Flanagan reported zero clear backpack permission slips returned since the last meeting.

Heather Flanagan spoke on the student’s Fun Day and how it was well-received. She then reported that the staff day was half instructional and half “fun.” She said that day was also well received.

Heather Flanagan provided a worksheet that showed a chart with comparable dates from the first quarter and second quarter this year for failing one subject and failing two subjects. She told the Board that names would come off the list in the weeks to come. Mike Sharp asked how a student gets their name taken off the list, and Heather Flanagan explained that if they are no longer failing two or more subjects, they are removed from the ineligibility list.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway reported that parents informed him that Fun Day was well received.

Tom Ordway also reported that the instructors at Gore Mountain were very pleased with the students and staff at this year's Elementary Ski Program.

Tom Ordway said he spoke to a leading provider for safety who told Tom that it was productive to say "thank you." once a week to people. He stated that people appreciate it. Tom Ordway then went on to thank the staff and visitors for coming to tonight's meeting as well as the administration, Cindy Homer, the Board members for their participation.

Jake Sauer-Jones thanked Tom Ordway. He also stated that he heard that Fun Day was successful, and he hoped that the District will enlarge the Elementary ski program.

Mike Sharp commented that he did not like the placement of the audience for the Board meetings. Mike Markwica said he would look at the set-up for the next meeting.

Mike Sharp discussed the modified numbers and questioned how to utilize the coach's and kids best; He mentioned a possibility of an A & B team because it is not fair for the kids who do not get the maximum participation.

Tom Ordway stated that A/B teams were a good idea if we don't place all the all-stars on the same team.

The teams need to be separated equally.

Mike Markwica reminded the Board that we have a big list now, but the list usually drops after a few weeks.

Mike Sharp stated we need to find more teams to play for both teams.

Jake Sauer-Jones stated we need to allow coaches to coach and pushing kids to do their best.

Mike Sharp went on to say that he feels that Coach Olesheski has solidified himself as a coach and the Board made an excellent decision to hire him.

Mike Sharp brought up transportation for sports. He said that students leaving early for sports needs to stop. Kids should stay in class. Mike Markwica stated that students would have to wait until four to get a bus if we waited.

Mike Sharp stated we should hire a person to watch the students.

Jake Sauer-Jones stated we should send the students home and have parents bring them to practice.

Tom Ordway said we should provide a study hall.

Erwin Morris asked if there was any notice on the date of the Sports Banquet. Mike Markwica reported that he knew Minerva was hosting this year, but he did not have the official date.

Erwin Morris asked if the date for Honor's Night or National Honor Society was set yet. Heather Flanagan reported that Honor's Night has not put any dates in yet but the National Honor's Society induction will be held in June with the Wall of Fame.

Tom Ordway stated we should give a send-off to the Archery team when they go to the State championship. He also said we should send a congratulation letter to Warrensburg Central School for its success with the wrestling program.

Mike Sharp told the audience that "Fun Day" does not happen in Schoon Lake, and it is great that we have it for students and staff.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:59, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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