

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
November 8, 2021
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Tara Sears
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Sarah Williams

Board Member Absent:

Rachel DeGroat
Jake Sauer-Jones
Mike Sharp

- 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 October 25, 2021 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah William and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504:** Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports, second by Sarah Williams and carried.
- Agenda Changes:** Mike Markwica added Scott Preussar presenting the Audit report ending June 30, 2021, attached to Section V Items for Discussion and/or Action letter A MOTION to accept the 2020-2021 Audit Report.
- Financial:** Larry Ringer reported that the new school bus is registered a running.
Tom Ordway asked if it was any better-getting food, and Larry Ringer stated it was the same. Tom Ordway thanked Karen Moore and her staff for being flexible during these uncertain times.

Discussion/Motions:

Presentation: Scott Preusser spoke and provided handouts regarding our school audit for the year ending June 30, 2021. Erwin Morris asked about our Capital Reserve Fund, and Larry Ringer explained that we do not have one at this time, but we do have a Repair Reserve Fund. Then he explained the difference between the two.

Mike Markwica also explained in more detail regarding transferring funds and the use of each fund.

Motions: Sarah Williams made a MOTION to accept Sarah Howe as a ninth-grade tuition student from Minerva Central School, seconded by Tom Ordway. Mike Markwica recommended the Board not accept a student at this time due to the strain on our own resources.

Tom Ordway stated he would like to accommodate the family but if we aren't able to meet her needs, then he understands.

Erwin Morris asked if the student was leaving Minerva Central School because she was not getting the services she needed. Mike Markwica stated he did not know their reasons.

Erwin Morris approved the Motion, Sarah Williams, Tom Ordway and Tara Sears opposed. MOTION denied.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the 2020-2021 Return Taxes, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Shannon Stone as a coach for the 2021-2022 Nordic Ski Team at \$3,596.33, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Mike Markwica explained that there are three coaches and the stipend for both varsity and modified will be pooled and divided three ways.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Julie West as a coach for the 2021-2022 Nordic Ski Team at \$3,596.33, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Erwin Morris reported that Judy Cook presented the Claims Audit Report, and although there were over one thousand claims, there were only a few minor mistakes and this number was less than last year.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported that Matt Brown from Minerva is the third Nordic coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

He also reported that two people interviewed for the girl's varsity coach position. Liz Ordway from Minerva will be this season's varsity coach.

As of November 8th, eleven students and one staff member have tested positive for COVID-19. This does not mean the virus did or did not originate from school. Mike Markwica went on to explain that the county changed the criteria on who quarantines after exposure. We have two areas that we need to be concerned with: Bus and cafeteria.

Erwin Morris asked if we could make the three feet rule in the cafeteria a six-foot space. Heather Flanagan stated they are working on a plan to get more space.

Sarah Williams thanked the administration for working on this but asked if we could get our own testing machine that other schools outside our county have. Mike Markwica explained that it is the County's decision whether or not we use the "Test to Stay" criteria. As of right now, the county is saying no.

Erwin Morris stated he does not believe parents are well informed on the county's rules. Mike Markwica noted that the County does send out quarantine letters to all parents. He again stated it is not the school that determines who is to quarantine; it is the county. He said he would address this in his December newsletter article.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway asked how we were doing on hiring a new head custodian, night custodian, and extra bus drivers. Mike Markwica reported that we have a new bus driver in training and two candidates for the nighttime custodian. We do not have any applicants for the Head Custodian position. We are moving forward with radio advertising.

Visitor's Comments:

Rebecca Morris asked if the MVAC league has come out with spectator guidelines for this season's basketball games. Mike Markwica reported that at this time the league has not made any recommendations.

Adjournment:

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

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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