

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, October 16, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Chris Jay
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Tara Sears

Board Members Absent: Melissa Freebern
Sarah Williams

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 6:07 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504** Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 Reports seconded by Chris Jay and carried.
- Agenda Changes:** Remove item C from Section V. **PRESENTATION:** Russell Moro will present as the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator.
- Financial:** Liz Viele reported that many Medicare Part B reimbursements checks were issued since the last board meeting. Tom Ordway questioned the price of fuel oil. Liz Ordway said there was an 8% increase over last year.
- Presentation:** **CASDA:** Jerry Steele and Mike Piccirillo from CASDA presented the agenda for the first Feasibility Study meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. They stated that someone is to take minutes, and only one board member and one administrator should attend each meeting from each school. Tom Ordway stated he would attend the meeting, which will be live-streamed.

TETRA TECH: Garrett Hamile from Tetra- Tech presented information on the progress of our Univent Project.

He talked about the Bids we received and the tentative start date as the first day of summer.

Garrett Hamlin also spoke of the upcoming 2026 Capital Project, which will include new science rooms, roofing, and asbestos removal.

Motion:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the following Resolution for the Universal Univent Project:

WHEREAS: At the April 9, 2001, meeting of the Johnsbury Central School District Board of Education, the Board established

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reserve fund to be known as the Repair Reserve Fund effective immediately, to be used for repairs of capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals, and WHEREAS: The Repair Reserve was previously funded by the voters: and WHEREAS: The current balance of the Repair Reserve Fund is \$268,097.21, and WHEREAS: To complete repairs to the heating univents, the District intends to authorize a payment of \$200,000 from the Repair Reserve Fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of \$200,000 from the Repair Reserve Fund for payment of the heating univents, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the following Resolution to award bids for the Universal Univent Project: BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District's architect, the Board hereby awards the contract for mechanical work for the District's HVAC Capital Improvement Project to Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC, in the base amount of \$294,200, along with Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$124,000 and Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$38,000, for a total contract award of \$456,200, subject to the execution of a contract by Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC, in a form approved by the District's Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, and the provision by Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC, of all required documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the District's Superintendent of

Schools to execute the approved contract with Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC, and such other documents as are necessary to commence the General Construction work on the capital project.

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District's architect, the Board hereby awards the contract for electrical work for the District's HVAC Capital Improvement Project to Harold R. Clune, Inc., in the base amount of \$38,000, along with Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$6,200 and Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$8,400, for a total contract award of \$52,600, subject to the execution of a contract by Harold R. Clune, Inc., in a form approved by the District's Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, and the provision by Harold R. Clune, Inc., of all required documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the District's Superintendent of Schools to execute the approved contract with Harold R. Clune, Inc., and such other documents as are necessary to commence the General Construction work on the capital project.

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District's architect, the Board hereby awards the contract for hazardous work for the District's HVAC Capital Improvement Project to MJ's Contracting Services, Inc., in the base amount of \$24,500, along with Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$4,500, for a total contract award of \$29,000, subject to the execution of a contract by MJ's Contracting Services, Inc., in a form approved by the District's Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, and the provision by MJ's Contracting Services, Inc., of all required documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the District's Superintendent of Schools to execute the approved contract with MJ's Contracting Services, Inc., and such other documents as are necessary to commence the General Construction work on the capital project.

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District's architect, the Board hereby awards the contract for controls work for the District's HVAC Capital Improvement Project to Technical Building Services, Inc. d/b/a Stark Tech. in the base amount of \$167,573, through cooperative purchasing under New York State Contract No. PT68868 on the basis that the award of the contract to Technical Building Services, Inc. d/b/a Stark

Tech. provides the best value to the District for the detailed reasons and analysis performed by the State of New York, including, among other things, an analysis and comparison of the bidders' pricing, experience providing the goods and services, reputation in the marketplace, and financial capability, and because such award ensures the prudent and economical use of public monies, is in the best interests of the District's taxpayers, facilitates the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and guards against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption. This award is subject to the execution of a contract by Technical Building Services, Inc. d/b/a Stark Tech. in a form approved by the District's Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel and the provision by Technical Building Services, Inc. d/b/a Stark Tech. of all required documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the District's Superintendent of Schools to execute the approved contract with Technical Building Services, Inc. d/b/a Stark Tech. and such other documents as are necessary to commence the General Construction work on the capital project, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Jake Sauer-Jones as the Modified Boys' Basketball coach, as per the JCSTA contract, for the 2023-2024 school year. seconded by Tom Ordway and carried. Tom Ordway asked if we were getting any new coaching applications. Mike Markwica stated that many new volunteers are joining but not actual coaches. He is hoping that the volunteers may become coaches in the future.

Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to appoint Peter Olesheski as the Varsity Boys' Basketball coach, as per the JCSTA contract, for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Rodney Wolfe as a volunteer coach for boy's varsity basketball for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Peter Morehouse as the Co-Coach for Nordic, as per the JCSTA contract, for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Julie West and Joseph San Antonio as volunteer Nordic coaches for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

The Board of Education **recognized** Liz Ordway as the Varsity Girl's Basketball coach, Matt Brown as the co-coach for Nordic, and James Gereau, as the Modified Girls Basketball coach, all from Minerva Central School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Cathy Kennedy's Horizontal Promotion, MA+24, for an increase of \$840 per year as per the JCSTA contract, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the use of a school bus for the Calvary Bible Church event, REVERB, which will be held November 10th - 11th, 2023, with the understanding that the church will be responsible for the cost of fuel and mileage and secure a qualified driver from the pool of school drivers, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to approve the following Cooperative Bid Resolution:

WHEREAS, it would be in the joint interest of the Johnsbury Central School District and the following: **(SEE ATTACHED LISTING)** To participate in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, services, materials and equipment, as Advertised by and awarded by the Clarkstown Central School District acting as the Lead Agency, as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0 and, WHEREAS, each BOARD retains the legal authority to contract with the successful Vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD(S), therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of Johnsbury Central School District hereby agrees to participate with the attached named school districts in such cooperative bids seconded by Erwin Morris. Liz Viele

explained what the Cooperative Bid Resolution is and how it works. MOTION, carried.

Committee Reports:

School Community Relations: Rachel DeGroat reported that the committee is working on the mobile app, website (Parent Square), a babysitting course, a GED course, and a basketball tournament.

Finance Committee: Tara Sears reported that the committee started contract negotiations.

School Climate: Worked on extracurricular.

Policy and Plans: Discussed further the registration and conference fees that the school may cover.

Curriculum/Staff Development: Discussed the seven current college courses the District offers and the goal of expanding that number. Discussion of new history course options and increasing the amount of credit requirements for graduation (5.5 to 6)to alleviate the number of study halls students are now taking.

Rachel DeGroat stated that one of the Board's Goals was to have more committee meetings to work on school needs. She asked the Board how they felt regarding the once-a-month meetings so far.

Tom Ordway was concerned that these meetings were taking to much time away from Mike and Heather. Mike Markwica responded that they do take time, but he feels, so far, that they are beneficial. He suggested that the Board revisit this in January.

Heather Flanagan suggested that the Board combine School/Community Relations and School Climate. Rachel DeGroat stated that she will look into that.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway thanked the speakers for coming, as well as Shawn Allen for stepping up when needed.

Mike Markwica reported on the success of Soccerfest and thanked the coaches and Athletic Directors for their hard work. He also said that the dedication was successful.

Heather Flanagan reported that the Pep Rally was also successful; Minerva athletes and student body participated as well.

Rachel DeGroat reminded the Board of the Halloween window decorating contest was going on. Mike Markwica has a group of judges from the school and town.

Erwin Morris will attend the November 1st Feasibility Study meeting being held at Minerva Central School.

Adjournment:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:26 pm, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.