

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
August 23, 2021
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Rachel DeGroat
Tom Ordway
Sarah Williams
Erwin Morris
Tara Sears

Board Member Absent:

Jake Sauer-Jones
Mike Sharp

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:01 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Sarah Williams made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021, Special Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021, Special Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams. Tom Ordway asked if the minutes could add “with gratitude” to Jill Toney’s request for retirement. Motion and change then carried.

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

Agenda Changes: Michael Markwica added Letter T, under VII Items for Discussion and/or Action: MOTION to accept Charlize

Bernard as a high school tuition student for the 2021-2022 school year.

Financial:

Larry Ringer explained the difference in our premium in our insurance costs. It now covers “Ranson Ware”

Tom Ordway asked about our fuel levels and Larry Ringer reported all tanks are topped off and ready to go.

Discussion/Motions:

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session for review of the Building Level Emergency Plan at 7:10.

Tara Sears made a MOTION to return to Regular Session at 7:12, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the Building Level Emergency Response Plan. Rachel DeGroat reported that one name needed to be changed, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tara Sears made a MOTION to accept the District-Wide Safety Plan, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the 2021-2022 Johnsborg Central School’s Student/Parent Handbook. Heather Flanagan noted the wording “Crop Top” was added to the dress code. Sarah Williams stated that the dress code significantly had more rules against female attire. MOTION was seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the 2021-2022 Tax Warrant for \$6, 212,992, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint David Pede and MaryEllen Mahar as Co-Yearbook Advisors at \$1,075 each for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to amend the stipend for Katy Ashe as Advisor to the Musical Performance/Variety Show from \$1,850 to \$1,650 for the 2021-2022 school year. Mike Markwica explained that there was a error on the original motion. MOTION

was seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Amanda May as a Teaching Assistant, Level 1, as stated in the CESA contract, beginning September 1, 202, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint John Lamela as Pre-K-12th grade School Counselor at MA+30, Step 13 of the JCSTA contract effective September 1, 2021, seconded by Tara Sears and carries.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Karen Lamela as Family and Consumer Science Teacher MA, Step 9 of the JCSTA contract effective September 1, 2021. Mike Markwica explained that Karen Lamela would like to upgrade some of the equipment and spoke of Rural School funds we could use. Sarah Williams offered assistance with equipment purchasing knowledge. MOTION was seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to appoint Ilena Corr as the Advisor for the Standing Together Club at \$550 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Ashleigh Lawrence as Sophomore Class Advisor at \$550 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Sarah Fink as Graduation Coordinator at \$1,150 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint John Rathbun as an Industrial Arts Teacher at MA 30+, Step 7 of the JCSTA contract effective September 1, 2021. Mike Markwica reported that John Rathbun's situation is unique because of his availability. Rachel DeGroat asked if he will offer electives and Mike Markwica answered yes. MOTION was seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Jeff Ordway as a Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a MOTION to amend April Millington's job description from Aide to One to One Aide effective September 1, 2021, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Mike Markwica started the DISCUSSION of Substitute Nurse Rate of Pay by reporting that the substitute nurse rate is not part of the CSEA contract. Larry Ringer provide the information he collected from thirteen schools regarding their rates. A discussion was held. Tom Ordway made a MOTION to set the Substitute Nurse's rate of Pay at \$25.00, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Mike Markwica started the DISCUSSION regarding Substitute Rate of Pay for Bus Drivers by stating the rate of pay is not listed in the current CSEA contract but negotiations are underway and it is being discussed. Larry Ringer gave information on eight school's pay. Rachel DeGroat asked about Neil Dunkley's progress. Mike Markwica state he was looking into obtaining his permit.

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to accept Charlize Bernard as a tuition student at \$3,100 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Committee Reports:

Rachel DeGroat stated all new committees were formed. Sarah Williams asked if the Building and Grounds Committee could meet before the next meeting.

Updates:

Mike Markwica stated that he is waiting on the County and the new governors' plan before he can finalize anything with the Reopening Plan. He did report that they are proposing all students will be in-person every day. He did state if a student is asked to quarantine by the County, tutors will be provided. He went on to state that this year we are going to fill the buses and masks will be worn at all times by all. Mike Markwica spoke about the potential of routinely testing individuals. He reported that all students would have one-to-one devices but we are not sending the

Chromebooks home this year.

He explained the cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Mike Markwica reported that all sports programs are on this year and spectators who are not vaccinated will need to wear a mask if they are in a crowded area or they will need to move to a less crowded space. It will be on the honor system.

Mike Markwica spoke of the two-parent meetings he has scheduled to update and inform parents before the school year begins. He also stated the school is using the “one call now” system to get information out to families.

Heather Flanagan reported that Summer School was a success and there was a great turnout daily.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway welcomed back the students. He thanked all staff for their hard work over the summer and stated he appreciated the teachers, staff, and all substitutes for coming back.

Sarah Williams asked where we were with locating a Spanish teacher. Mike Markwica state we did not have any applications, but we’re looking into offering a distance learning course. Heather Flanagan explained we have advertised with OLAS, a teacher-based employment website.

Erwin Morris asked about the August 31st orientation. He wanted to know if there was a plan to invite the eighth-graders who were not in the building last year to come and visit. Heather Flanagan stated she has already invited them.

Upcoming Dates:

Mike Markwica stated that we will host a Meet and Greet with new employees before the September 23rd Board of Education Meeting in the Barton Mines Pavilion.

Rachel DeGroat reminded the Board Members of the second Board Retreat scheduled before the September 13th meeting.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:06, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____