

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
September 27, 2021
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Rachel DeGroat
Tom Ordway
Sarah Williams
Erwin Morris
Jake Sauer-Jones
Mike Sharp

Board Member Absent:

Tara Sears

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Williams made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504:** Tom Ordway made a MOTION to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports, second by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.
- Agenda Changes:** Mike Markwica added Letter I under V. Items for Discussion and/or Action: MOTION to approve Lisa Horton's leave of absence request starting immediately, returning January 3, 2022.
- Discussion/Motions:** Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Community Bank NA of North Creek and NYCLASS Bank as the Official Bank Depositories for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint MaryEllen Mahar as a co-coach for 5-6 grade soccer at \$600 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams. Erwin Morris asked if she was

coaching Monday-Friday and Mike Markwica stated she was and Joe San Antonio was only coaching on Saturdays. MOTION carried.

Mike Sharp made a MOTION to appoint Joe San Antonio as a co-coach for the 5-6 grade soccer program at \$200 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones. Tom Ordway asked Mr. Markwica to explain the reason behind the two coaches at different salaries. Mike Markwica explained that Joe San Antonio was only coaching on Saturday's where our teams would play with the Lake George League. Local games would be played during the week. MOTION carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Kate Sauer-Jones as the coach for the 3-4 grade soccer program at \$800.00 for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to approve Jake Sauer-Jones as a volunteer coach for the 3-4 grade soccer program for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Mike Sharp. Jake Sauer-Jones said he's starting to see a positive outcome with promoting youth sports. Our modified programs have larger numbers than in the past. MOTION carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to approve Shannon Ordway as a volunteer coach for the 3-4 grade soccer program for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to appoint Zachary Pierson, Athletic Director, as an Assistant Coach to all sports for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones. Mike Sharp explained he asked Mike Markwica why we were only appointing one of the two AD's. Mike Markwica stated that the Athletic Director stipend was not split evenly so the duties attached are not split evenly. He also stated that Zachary Pierson will eventually be the sole Athletic Director next year.

Sarah Williams made a MOTION to approve the following change to the 2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook.

Transfer and home-schooled students must be enrolled in high school at Johnsbury Central School for four consecutive semesters prior to graduation to be included in class rank. Home-schooled students will receive a P or F for grades that are reported by the home-school instructor. Home-school grades of P or F will not be converted into number grades for the purpose of calculating grade point averages.

Erwin Morris stated he thought it was a great idea but asked how they came up with the timeline. Mike Markwica explained four consecutive semesters equals all of the junior and senior years.

Tom Ordway made a MOTION to approve Lisa Horton's request for a leave of absence starting immediately and returning on January 3, 2022, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Committees:

Heather Flanagan reported that the Wall of Fame committee had their first meeting.

Mike Markwica reported that Garrett Hamlin from Tectra Tech will be attending the next Building and Grounds Committee Meeting.

Updates:

Mike Markwica reported that mandatory testing will begin this Wednesday for all employees who have not shown proof of vaccination.

Larry Ringer reported on the Johnsbury Town Meeting he attended regarding the new Town Assessment. He gave an update on the town's timeline.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked about the progress of the sewer system and Mike Markwica explained that it has been put on hold for the time being, Jake Sauer-Jones stated that the Board needs to consider everything when this proposal is brought up again.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway commented that our merger with Minerva Central School for sports is a success. He stated that we would not have been able to field some teams without the Minerva athletes. Mike Markwica spoke of the upcoming Soccerfest scheduled under the lights for Columbus Day Weekend.

Jake Sauer-Jones said he was displeased that there was not an alumni game scheduled for the weekend and if numbers were small we wouldn't have to limit it to just alumni. Mike Markwica said he would look into it further.

Mike Sharp asked how his children's grades were created. Jake Sauer-Jones stated grading in elementary was also confusing. Rachel DeGroat stated these questions should be asked to individual teachers.

Heather Flanagan stated parents had access to the Parent Portal as well to Google Classroom.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked where we were on updating our website. Mike Markwica explained the process being created. Heather Flanagan stated she was looking into getting an app. Mike Sharp asked if we could get the current sports calendar on the website and any other pertinent information on the website by the next meeting.

Erwin Morris stated that every teacher in the building is willing to communicate with parents. All the parents need to do is ask.

Erwin Morris asked where we were on the hiring of a Spanish teacher. Mike Makrwica spoke of the new program we were purchasing, Elevate K-12. We would have individualized distance learning classes for each grade level.

Rachel DeGroat asked if we were still looking for a teacher? Mike Markwica stated we are with Olas as well as SUNY and other colleges.

Erwin Morris asked if we had any interest in any of our bus driving positions and Mike Markwica stated we did have someone come and take an application.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:05 seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____