

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, April 1, 2019
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes

Board Members Present: William Conner
Rachel DeGroat
Chris Jay
Tom Ordway
Tara Sears
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: Erwin Morris

- Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Chris Jay made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019, Board of Education Meeting, Seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
- CSE/CPSE/504:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE/504 meetings, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.
- Agenda Change:** Michael Markwica added agenda items under Items for Discussion and/or action: Item G - Heather Olesheski's Horizontal Promotion and item H - Colleen Fuller's Long Term Sub Appointment.
- Financial:** Larry Ringer explained that in the General Fund Expenditure, one payment was not listed. There was a wire transfer for the Serial Bond.
- General Fund Expenditure Questions** William Conner asked if we have purchased any online text books. Mike Markwica responded that as of now, there are no online options available. Textbooks do come with online supplements. Tom Ordway asked a few questions regarding the General Fund Expenditure report.

Page 12: What is the reason for the Northeast Information system annual phone system maintenance check.

Larry Ringer explained we have a maintenance account with our phone system and the cost, covers work performed remotely, site visits and supplies.

Page 15: Does the check to Technical Building Services have to do with the building project? Mike Markwica explained that the check covered the cost for individual classroom's heating systems, not new construction.

Page 15: The reason for the second check to Technical Building Services. Mike Markwica stated he would look into that and get back to the Board.

Page 14: Question regarding Board Pizza: Mike Markwica Stated that was for the Merger Meeting. Rachel DeGroat also Stated that those meetings run long.

Budget

Larry Ringer invited the Board Members to a meeting at the Queensbury Hotel on April 29, 2019, regarding the Health Insurance consortium.

Larry Ringer spoke on the State Legislature approving the State Budget. Our increase allows us to use \$19,000 toward upgrading our security. Our new budget is \$11,144,249 William Conner asked if we are still in the 2.93% tax cap. Larry Ringer stated there is no impact on the tax levy.

Rachel DeGroat notified the Board Members of a State Budget Webinar on April 4th that is worth watching.

Larry Ringer spoke of the State allowing school districts to Create a reserve for teacher's retirement. There are specific Rules on how to set it up that need to be followed, but it is something we need to look into.

Discussion/Motions: Johnsburg

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to accept the 2019-2020

Central School budget that was presented at the March 18, 2019 Board of Education for the sum of \$11,144,249 which is

An increase of 2.41%, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Presentation:

Colleen Murtagh spoke as the 4,5,6 Coordinator. She brought Students who recently participated in the Battle of the Books contest that was held at Adirondack Community College. The students who spoke were: Lilly San Antonio, Eli Morin, Tristin Secor, Autumn Smith, Mason Englert, and Kaylie O'Hara. Mrs Murtagh spoke on her duties as coordinator. Some listed were speaking to the teachers in 4th & 5th grade daily, working with the Pre-K-3 coordinator, Kim McKenna, attending workshops for ELA and math.

Mrs. Murtagh has a field trip planned to the State Capitol for Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade, planning a moving up ceremony, as well as a student, made breakfast for their parents in June. The 6th-grade class also helps with the Backpack Program and enjoy helping the community as well as their fellow classmates.

Sarah Williams asked if the 5th grade was being treated like A middle school with moving to classes. Mrs. Murtagh said that Is based on class size.

Tom Ordway congratulated Mrs. Murtagh on her up and coming Retirement but asked what the plans were for next years Home And Careers course. Mike Markwica stated he is working with BOCES about CTE alternative courses.

Chad Pooler spoke as the Science Coordinator. He presented a Powerpoint slide on the timeline for the Next Generation Standards. He feels we are in a good place and is positive on the more hands-on learning.

Rachel DeGroat asked if the Next Generation is set up like Common Core. Chad Pooler replied no, the Next Generation builds very slowly over time which is a Positive.

William Conner asked if Johnsbury was up to date with the

Push on STEM (STEAM) and if we need any expanding or Updating. Mr. Pooler said no to the expanding but yes to the updating.

Labs are out of date and space is needed.

William Conner asked if we had AP Bio and Mr. Pooler stated we do not for a few reasons: The number of students in upper level classes, financial concerns, and updated labs are needed. Mr. Pooler did say our current classes can work with the new criteria.

William Conner asked about our Regent scores and Mr. Pooler Stated that our test grades are very consistent year after year and he is pleased with our student's performance.

Sports:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept John Hurley as the Girl's modified softball coach for the 2018-2019 school year seconded by Tara Sears and carries. Mike Markwica explained Mr. Hurley heard we needed a modified coach and offered to Coach.

Rachel DeGroat also noted that volunteer Barry McKinney Will aid Gene Maiorana with Modified Baseball.

TruGreen:

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** authorizing the Superintendent, Michael J. Markwica, requests a **MOTION** authorizing the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Fran Morehouse Jr., to arrange for the TruGreen Control Company to make the application of necessary pesticides/herbicides to the fields and grounds to combat the destructive influences currently present, seconded by Tara Sears and carries.

Merger:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the merger with Minerva Central School in modified baseball for the 2018-2019 school Year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried William Conner asked if they are coming here and will be Jaguars is it still considered a merger. Mike Markwica stated it is a merger.

Rached DeGroat stated that the three board members were asked at the Merger meeting if we would take any interested

boys at the modified level because Minerva did not have a team this year.

Horizontal Promotion: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept Heather Olesheski's Horizontal promotion of 18 credits which will bring her to an MA for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.
Sarah Williams asked what a horizontal promotion was and Mike Markwica explained that it is a financial incentive to Offered to teachers to continue their education for which she will receive an increase in pay for the 18 credits that she has earned since she was hired.

Long-term Sub: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept Colleen Fuller as Long Term Maternity Sub for Janelle Turcotte beginning April 15, 2019, through the end of the school year at her academic degree level step one as stated in the JCSTA contract, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Committee Reports: **Merger Committee:** Sarah Williams spoke on the three students who went to Minerva to work on the emblem. The finished product will be given to the committee to discuss. Mike Markwica stated that they have worked on the ineligibility handbook, a coaching application, and the sports Handbook. Both schools want the same policies.

Other Bussiness: Mike Markwica spoke of the success of this year's play Fiddler on the Roof. Mr. Markwica opened the show Friday Heather Flanagan went Saturday and Chad Pooler opened As an Administrative intern on Sunday.
Tara Sears asked if we have the tallies of this year's totals. Mike Markwica said he would get them.

State Testing: Heather Flanagan informed the group that computer-based Testing will start tomorrow.

Visitor's Comments: Chad Pooler stated he was very impressed with the singing,

Pit crew and talent.

Rachel DeGroat offered an official thank you to Katy Cole and Everyone who helped.

Executive Board:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** at 8:01 to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel Issue, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:47 seconded by Sarh Williams and carried.