

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES

Board Members Present:      Rachel DeGroat  
Tara Sears  
Tom Ordway  
Mike Sharp  
Jake Sauer-Jones  
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:**      Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Jacob Sauer Jones, and carried.

Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 the report, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

**Financial**      Tom Ordway asked what line number 39848 on page 9 of General Fund Expenditures was regarding. Mike Markwica stated that it was a health insurance premium reimbursement.  
Larry Ringer presented a handout with updated NYCLASS information.

**Motions & Discussion:**      **Discussion:** Larry Ringer spoke to our insurance company (Utica National) and our lawyers (Girvin and Ferlazzo) regarding public parking on campus. Both stated a sign would be appropriate and Larry Ringer gave examples of signage. A sign does not release us of all liability but would help in some instances. Mike Markwica stated that we need to be good neighbors and warn the person. Mike Sharp asked if it was just the one family who parked on campus, Mike Markwica stated it was, but in the past, it had been a

different family. Mike Sharp asked if a letter was sent home and Mike Markwica stated none were.

**Discussion:** Mike Markwica proposed looking at hiring retired people at a higher rate due to the fact that retirees do not need health insurance or retirement benefits. He feels this would be cost-effective.

Mike Sharp questioned how other employees would look at this and stated we would need to be totally transparent. Jake Sauer-Jones asked for rate comparisons with area schools. He stated we need to find a solution to our lack of drivers.

**Update Reports:**

**Mechanic's Helper:** Mike Markwica reported that our Mechanics Helper has put in his letter of resignation.

**Small Claims:** Mike Markwica spoke to Judge Cavanagh and reported that we are moving ahead with our claim.

**Mandates:** Mike Sharp asked if we had looked into the state mandates that he pointed out that we were not in compliance at the beginning of the year. Heather Flanagan stated that we are in the process of creating new schedules with additional classes to meet the state's mandates.

**Technology/ Industrial Arts Teacher:** Tom Ordway asked how the new "tech" teacher was working out. Both Mike Markwica and Heather Flanagan stated Mr. Walter is settling in nicely.

**Substitute:** Tom Ordway asked if anyone has approached Dylan Moore about training for a bus driver or wanting a full-time position? Mike Markwica said yes he had been but Dylan is looking for jobs in his career area.

**Athletics:** Jake Sauer-Jones asked if Junior Nationals was a school-sponsored event. Mike Markwica stated it was not but one of our own was attending.

**Other Business:**

**Jake Sauer-Jones:** Stated he would not be attending the next Board of Education meeting.

**Adjournment:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:34 seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_