

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, February 12, 2018  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Minutes

Board Members Present: William Conner  
Chris Jay  
Erwin Morris  
Tom Ordway  
Mark Richards  
Tara Sears

Board Members Absent: Rachel DeGroat

**Call to Order:** Erwin Morris opened the meeting at 7:01 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Ordway made a Motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, Seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

**CSE/CPSE/504** Tom Ordway made a Motion to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports Seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

**Agenda Changes:** Discussion of Taxation of State Lands  
Remove Item F: Andrew Snide  
Executive meeting to discuss personnel issues

**Financial:** Board reviewed the Extra Curricular reports, the School Lunch Expenditures and the January Lunch report.

**Items for Discussion:** Coleen Murtagh presented as the 4, 5, 6 Coordinator.  
Kim McKenna presented as the Pre K - 3 Coordinator.

**MakerSpace:** Steve Tomb presented an overview of the accomplishments of the Nordic Team. He spoke of the Elementary program and is off to a strong start. He asked permission to attend the Jr. Nationals in Utah for a week as coach and a chaperone for our students.  
Michael Markwica and Heather Flanagan spoke on the the progress of our Elementary MakersSpace. Teachers are now involved and the BOE are giving support to proceed with plans for next year.

**Howard Frank Mosher:** Glen Pearsall created a scholarship of \$500.00 a year in memory of Howard Frank Mosher, a past teacher.

**Land Conversion Pilots:** Larry Ringer spoke of the proposal that Governor Cuomo is suggesting regarding converting the local assessment of taxable state land. Larry presented a Resolution to the Board.

**Motions:** Chris Jay made a **Motion:**  
**OPPOSITION TO TAXABLE NYS OWNED LAND  
CONVERSION TO PILOTS**

**WHEREAS**, State-owned lands are currently assessed by the Local municipality where the State land is located, and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Andrew Cuomo is proposing to convert the local assessment of taxable State-owned land into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") program based on existing tax amounts to be Increase each year by the allowable levy growth factor, and

**WHEREAS**, said payment change will result in loss of local assessment of taxable State-owned as well as loss in tax revenue to local municipalities due to changes in value not reflected in a PILOT agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Johnsburg Central School District Board of Education that the assessments of taxable State-owned land should remain under control of the local municipality where such property is located and is hereby opposed to New York State converting the assessment of taxable State-owned land into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the School Board Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of said Resolution to the following persons:

**Governor Andrew Cuomo**  
**NYS Senator Elizabeth Little**  
**NYS Assemblyman Daniel Stec**  
Seconded by Tom Ordway and carried

**Update Report:** Mike Markwica reported that the Elementary concert was highly attended and it was a successful event.

**Visitors Comments:** Shannon Stone spoke on Steve Tomb's behalf regarding his request to attend the Jr. National Nordic Event in Utah this March

**Executive Session:** Mark Richards made a motion to retire to executive session at 8:25 pm, Seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

**Adjournment:**

Chris Jay made a MOTION to return to regular session and adjourn at 9:10, seconded by Mark Richards and carried.