

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, February 24, 2020  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Tara Sears  
Tom Ordway  
Erwin Morris  
Sarah Williams  
Mike Sharp

Board Members Absent: Rachel DeGroat  
Jake Sauer-Jones

**Call to Order:** Tara Sears opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams, and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 the report, seconded by Mike Sharp and carried.

**Agenda Changes:** Under Motions and Discussions:  
Letter A. **MOTION** to adjourn to Executive session for legal issues and hiring personnel.  
Letter I. **MOTION** to accept 2020-2021 Budget Calendar.  
Letter J. **MOTION** to accept Annuity Claim from John Hancock.

**Motions & Discussion:** **Executive Session:** Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session for legal issues and hiring personnel, seconded by Mike Sharp and carries.  
**Regular Session:** Mike Sharp made a **MOTION** to return to Regular session, seconded by Tom Ordway and carries.  
**Elementary Nordic:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Jill Hodgson and Shannon Stone as Elementary Nordic Coaches for the 2020 season at \$300.00 per coach, seconded by Sarah Williams and carries.

**Resignation:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept Jesse Bennet's letter of resignation dated March 9, 2020, with gratitude, seconded by Sarah Williams and carries.

**Coaches:**

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Bruce McGinn as Varsity Softball coach for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Erwin Morris and carries.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Ryan Carpenter as Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Mike Sharp and carries.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to table the **MOTION** to appoint Peter Olesheski as Modified Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Erwin Morris and carries.

Tara Sears **Recognized** Candice Husson as the Modified Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Mike Markwica explained that she will be appointed by the Minerva Board of Education. Tom Ordway asked why we appoint Bruce McGinn if he is from Minerva. Mike Markwica responded that Bruce McGinn was a Johnsbury Coach before the sports merger.

**Discussions:**

**Budget Update:** Larry Ringer presented a handout of the 2020-2021 Budget Highlights. Tom Ordway asked where the truck that we purchased in last year's budget was. Erwin Morris questioned budget items. Larry Ringer answered.

**Bus Drivers:** Mike Markwica reported that Fred Morse (Head of Transportation) wanted to talk to the drivers regarding their thoughts. Mike will have an update at the next meeting. Mike Markwica spoke more about the possibility of hiring retirees for driving a bus at a higher rate of pay as well as offering coaches the opportunity to become bus drivers for an opportunity to increase their wages.

A discussion was held on both suggestions Mike Markwica put a request from TrueNorth school asking about substitute drivers and discovered we are one of the only schools that have subs.

**Committee Reports:** **Safety Committee:** Tara Sears reported that the Safety Committee met with the Warren County Sheriff and the Undersheriff regarding the hiring of a SRO. Tara Sears reported out about the salary/cost, job duties, scheduling, finding a SRO. Tara Sears stated that the Board of Education will put hiring a SRO on the next agenda.

**Update Reports:** **Town of Johnsburg:** Mike Markwica reported that he spoke to Andrea Hogan (Johnsburg Town Supervisor) asking if the Town would offer financial help with the hiring of a SRO. Andrea Hogan will get back to him.

**13 Kids Who Care:** Mike Markwica reported that Hudson Dunkley was chosen for WNYT's 13 Kids who care for his snack basket program. He will be interviewed by Bob Kovachick next month.

**Lighting Project:** Mike Markwica reported the progress of the Lighting Project.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball:** Heather Flanagan reported the Varsity Girls' Basketball team will be going to sectionals.

**Varsity Nordic:** Members of the Nordic Team qualified for States: Sheridan Millington, Gabe Smith and Avery Bayse. Clayton Schmale made alternate.

**2nd Grade Ski Program:** Mike Markwica, Sarah Williams and Tom Ordway spoke of the success of the second-grade ski program at Gore Mountain.

**Adjournment:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:39 seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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