

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

Board Members Present: William Conner
Rachel DeGroat
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Tara Sears
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: Chris Jay

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Sarah Williams made a Motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019, Board of Education Meeting, Seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504: Erwin Morris made a MOTION to accept the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE/504 meetings, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Agenda Change: Michael Markwica added Item K. Operating Procedures.

**Discussion/Motions:
Athletic Merger:** Erwin Morris asked questions on the specifics of the sports merger with Minerva Central School. Michael Markwica replied that we are creating a committee which will cover questions and future policies. Tara Sears asked why it was written in the agenda as a 2019-2020 merger and not for additional years Michael Markwica explained that mergers needed to be approved each year. A discussion was made and the **MOTION** was changed to reflect new wording.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve an Athletic Merger for all sports with Minerva Central School to be *effective* for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by William Conner and Carried.

Sexual Harassment: Rachel DeGroat presented the second reading of the Sexual Harassment Policy. Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the Sexual Harassment Policy, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Archery Club: Rachel DeGroat led the discussion of Johnsbury Central School starting an Archery club at Johnsbury Central School. Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** for Johnsbury Central School to have An Archery club beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams. The vote was four in favor and two opposed and the **MOTION** carried.

NYCLASS: Tom Ordway **MOTION** to approve the following Resolution:
WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (“Section 119-o” empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;
WHEREAS, the Johnsbury Central School District wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 14, 2014;
WHEREAS, the Johnsbury Central School District wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds;
Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:
That Lawrence J Ringer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of Johnsbury Central School District.

Seconded by Erwin Morris and carried. Tom Ordway asked Larry Ringer to explain in a more detailed explanation. Mr. Ringer did.

AD Resignation: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept Jill Toney’s letter of Resignation as Athletic Director effective January 11, 2019, with the understanding that the \$4,000 stipend will reflect from July 1, 2018, through January 10, 2019, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

AD Appointment: Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept Ryan Carpenter as Athletic Director effective January 11, 2019, with the understanding that the \$4,000 stipend will reflect from January 11, 2019, to June 30, 2019, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

A.S. P.: Michael Markwica led a discussion on the difficulty of obtaining an After School Program Coordinator. Heather Flanagan also spoke asking the Board to increase the rate of pay to \$50.00 per day. A discussion was held.

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| ASP Appointment: | Rachel DeGroat made a MOTION to increase the After School Program Coordinator's rate of pay to \$50.00 per day, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried. |
| Softball: | Michael Markwica brought up the request of Bruce McGinn having Johnsbury Central school cover the cost of using the Adirondack Sports Complex for a pre-season game for the Varsity Girls' Softball team. Tom Ordway made a MOTION for the girls' varsity softball team go to The Adirondack Sports Complex, (The Dome) for a scrimmage game during the spring season, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried. |
| WSWHE BOCES: | Tara Sears made a MOTION to approve the WSWHE BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried. |
| Operating Procedures: | Tara Sears led a discussion on section 3 of the Johnsbury Central School Operating Procedure Team Development Handbook. Items for change were in line item 14 section 2. The word Incumbent changed to now read mentor. Tara Sears asked if the Board of Education would like to have a chairperson assigned to each committee. The decision was made and a chairperson will be chosen in the future. |
| Committee Reports: | Finance Committee: William Conner spoke on the Finance Committee working on the budget but they are still in preliminary stages. Mr. Conner also spoke on the Health Consortium and the Governor's Future plans/restrictions for small group in which Johnsbury would fall. Michael Markwica has been asked to set up a meeting with our Governor's office to have Board members meet with to explain our situation. . |
| Other Business: | Rachel DeGroat and Michael Markwica presented a short video on the WSWHE BOCES Skills Gap. They spoke on the success and the future possibilities that BOCES programs can offer our Johnsbury Central School students. |
| Visitor Comments: | A member of the audience asked if Johnsbury Central School Could obtain the interest lost by not getting our refund checks back in a timely manner. Michael Markwica said that would not be possible for a multitude of reasons. |

Mike Sharp expressed his appreciation on the board's approval of allowing an archery club to start at Johnsbury Central School.

A member of the audience stated their frustration at the newly approved stipend for the After School Program Coordinator. Stating the salaries of Teacher Assistants already hired was not close to this salary. Mr. Markwica explained that health insurance is not offered to this position.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:45 seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.