

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, January 27, 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 7:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Jacob Sauer Jones, and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 report, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried. Tom Ordway questioned a first name that was on the CSE report.

Agenda Changes: Under V. Items for Discussion and/or Action letter I. **MOTION** to accept Bentley LaBounty as a tuition pre-school student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. and letter J. **Discussion** on Overnight Parking
Addition: Rachel added to the item of Executive session under Personal: Superintendent decision on employee discipline.

Financial Mike Markwica asked Larry Ringer to report on NYCLASS at the next meeting.

Motions & Discussion: **Presentation:** Katy Ashe brought club officers Pheobe Glover (president), Nick Watson (treasure), and Hellena Williams (secretary) to explain the role of the Student Council Club and it's goals for the future.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept Maddison Vaus as a tuition student for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Tara Sears, with discussion (prorated) and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the Johnsbury Central School District Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties BOCES for bids awarded in the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to approve Marti-Townley as a volunteer coach for the 2019-2020 Nordic Ski Team, seconded by Tara Sears with discussion and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Coty Morehouse effective Tuesday, January 21, 2020, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones with discussion and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Dan Walter as a Long Term Substitute teacher for Technology/Industrial Arts. seconded by Mike Sharp with discussion and carries.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Johnsbury Central School's Cell Phone policy, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones with discussion and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept Bentley LaBounty as a tuition preschool student beginning in February, seconded by Tom Ordway and with discussion and carried. To be prorated for both the yearly and hourly adjustments.

Mike Markwica started a **DISCUSSION** regarding overnight parking on school grounds and asked the board their thoughts on this matter. Rachel DeGroat asked Larry Ringer to speak

to our insurance carrier regarding liability. Larry will present his findings next Board of Education meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Rachel DeGroat reported that at this early stage we are in a deficit.

Jake Sauer-Jones stated that Youth Sports are in need of new uniforms.

Curriculum Committee: Mike Sharp would like to encourage Dan Walter to stay on as a part-time employee. Mike Markwica said Mr. Walter was asked and said he could not make that commitment at this time.

Mike Sharp stated that the committee is looking at a “Life Skill” classes for the future for 7th and 8th-grade students. Board had a discussion on this subject. Rachel DeGroat asked the Committee to present a copy of the “Life Skills” curriculum for Board review. Jake Sauer-Jones asked Heather Flanagan to provide the Board with projection numbers for next year in the elementary. Mrs. Flanagan stated she would.

Update Reports:

Legislative Breakfast: Mike Markwica reported that our BOCES students hosted a Breakfast for all the legislature within our BOCES including Assemblyman Dan Stec and Senator Betty Little as a thank you for their support towards education. A local businessman was also recognized for his contribution in promoting BOCES driven jobs.

Rural Schools: Mike Markwica spoke of a meeting he attended to discuss important issues affecting rural schools (ex. health insurance). Several Town Supervisors were present including ours, Andra Hogan.

Other Business:

Tara Sears stated her concern of the SRO MOTION being added at last month’s meeting without proper discussion and information.

Mike Sharp: Asked if the school had a policy of public sledding. Mike Markwica stated we do not.

Tom Ordway: Reported there was a great article in the latest edition of “On Board” regarding micro-managing and teachers becoming bus drivers.

Rachel DeGroat: Asked the members to please try and do some Webinars as refreshers and to gather new information.

Jake Sauer-Jones: Asked where we were on the start of the new website. Both Heather Flanagan and Mike Markwica stated that it is coming along at a good speed. Jake Sauer-Jones also asked about a spectator bus for the girl’s varsity basketball sectional game. Mike Markwica said we usually offer one as long as it does not take students out of school and that at least 10 students sign up.

Jake Sauer-Jones also stated that the 3rd-grade basketball program was running very smoothly.

Mike Sharp: Asked administration how the 2nd-grade ski program was working out. Mike Markwica replied that it was going very well.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:17 to Executive session for a legal matter and Personnel: superintendent decision on employee discipline seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to return to Regular session and adjourned at 9:48, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____