

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, January 6, 2020
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
Erwin Morris
Tom Ordway
Mike Sharp
Jake Sauer-Jones
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: Tara Sears

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 Erwin Morris, and carried.

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

Financial Larry Ringer reported on tables that were donated by Lake George Central School to replace desks in a classroom.

Motions & Discussion: Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to accept the BOCES Cooperative Bid Resolution for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones with discussion and carried.

Mike Markwica explained water testing and recapped the last water test Johnsbury Central School had. He also explained we now only have to test outlets that are used for drinking and cooking.

Mike Sharp questioned the purchase of new water fountains and Mike Markwica will report back to the board on the number of fountains needed.

Jake Sauer-Jones reported that the School Safety Committee met and worked on a survey regarding hiring a school resource officer or a security guard. A copy of the survey was given. A discussion was held.

The Board agreed to remove the option of a security guard and only consider hiring a resource officer.

The Board agreed to not present a survey to the public.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to put a school resource officer position to the finance committee for review. Tom Ordway rescinded his **MOTION**.

Mike Sharp made a **MOTION** to send the finance committee the task of creating a line item for a school resource officer, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones. Mike Sharp rescinded his **MOTION**.

Jake Sauer-Jones, on behalf of the Safety Committee, recommended to the Board to move forward with hiring a school resource officer.

Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to hire a school resource officer, seconded by Tom Ordway, one opposed (Rachel DeGroat) and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Coty Morehouse as a Custodian/Bus Driver at \$15.30 per hour beginning January 7, 2020 seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones with discussion and carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Discussion of health costs, budget and JCSTA contract.

Update Reports:

Lighting Project: Mike Markwica reported on the progress of the lighting project. He stated his only concern at this time was lights installed in the gym and cafetorium were without cage protection. He has spoken to the company and they are working

on a solution.

Northern Rivers: Amanda Bane, newly hired licensed social worker will come to school on Friday, January 10, 2020, and will start the following week.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway asked Mike Markwica about an update on the under care wash for buses, he spoke of a few months back. Mike Markwica stated he spoke to Fred Morse and Fred will speak directly to Tom Ordway regarding the product.

Tom Ordway questioned the replacement of the outdoor basketball rims. Mike Markwica stated the rims were ordered, shipped to a different location, found and are now waiting for warmer temperatures to be installed.

Tom Ordway asked the Board where they were on the training of Ryan Carpenter as an administrator. Mike Markwica stated that it was sent to the Finance Committee and it has yet to be discussed.

Mike Sharp: Asked if the school had a policy of public sledding. Mike Markwica stated we do not. Mike then asked if the soccer goals could be removed for safety next year.

Erwin Morris: Stated that he felt the new lights were great but questioned why the old florescent lights were also on in the gym. Mike Markwica stated he would research this and get back to him. Erwin Morris also stated his concern about the parking lots not being plowed as often as it should be. Mike Markwica will check with Frank Morehouse on this.

Erwin Morris asked if we still had buses to be sold because he has noticed three full size and one small bus parked out by the tennis courts. Mike Markwica stated he will look into the selling of these.

Erwin Morris stated that the electric sign is not working. Larry Ringer replied that he is aware of this and they are working on trying to discover the reason.

Jake Sauer-Jones: Complimented Heather Flanagan on the nice job with the sports sweatshirts.

Jake Sauer-Jones would like to see in the future the youth sports

combining with Minerva (basketball). Mike Markwica stated that during the merger meetings, Minerva was not interested in combining elementary programming due to bussing. Sarah William confirmed this and added that during the meeting Minerva said it was due to bussing.

Adjournment: Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:56 seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer
_____ Date: _____