

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, January 7, 2019
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by William Conner and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504 Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 report, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Agenda Changes: N/A

Financial: Larry Ringer had nothing additional to report

Discussions/Motions: Michael Markwica explained the position of the new hire. Tara Sears made a **Motion** to appoint Thomas Zauner as a Custodian/Bus Driver at \$15.25 per hour for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Rachel DeGroat explained the Comptroller's Audit that was handed out was a draft not to be given to the public. The Official report will be made public soon. The draft explained what the auditors were reviewing and what recommendations they suggested for the future.

Rachel DeGroat read an abbreviated version of the Sexual Harassment Policy. The Board of Education Members will hear the seconded reading at the next meeting and vote on the

policy.

Mike Sharp spoke on his request for Johnsbury Central School to start an Archery Club for grades 4-8. A decision will be made at the January 22-2019 meeting.

Michael Markwica spoke on the four priorities outlined in the WSWHE Chief School Officers 2019 Advocacy. William Conner made a **MOTION** to accept the WSWHE Chief School Officers 2019 Advocacy priorities, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

William Conner had four questions regarding the Section 2 Board of Education Procedure Manual. Items were discussed and new action will be considered.

Michael Markwica and Rachel DeGroat will be attending the Legislature Breakfast on January 11, 2019.

Michael Markwica spoke on the reason we wrote a letter to Warren County regarding their hold/ late release of our revenue the state pays for taxes on state land. Mr. Markwica will update the Board when more information becomes available.

Kim McKenna spoke as the Pre. K - 3 coordinator. She spoke on the Next Generation ELA Standards and will update the Board of Education after the Next Generation Math Standards after she attends the conference/training. Mrs. McKenna also spoke on how well MakerSpace is being received.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

William Conner spoke on the NYClass Municipal Cooperation Agreement, liquid access investment system treasury bills and bonds. The committee recommends we invest our monies in this. The committee is also working on the upcoming budget.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Michael Markwica explained the committee is going through the checklist from the maintenance department. The committee also gave an update on the building project and reported that the Lighting Project paperwork is fully completed and submitted.

Policy Committee:

The Policy Committee displayed the new binders that will be Given to all Board of Education Members at the July meeting.

Update Report:

Michael Markwica attended a Rotary Meeting and reported the members of Rotary will be coming to Johnsbury on the 17th of January to view MakerSpace.

Michael Markwica spoke on the outcome of the small group health insurance consortium. The Governor agreed to allow school districts a waiver for two additional years. The Governor stated there will be no more waivers.

Michael Markwica spoke on the first Tuesday's with Mike that will take place on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Michael Markwica updated the Board of Education on the Merger with Minerva. Minerva will vote on the 10th of January.

Heather Flanagan reported that Dan Durkee will hold four Assemblies regarding vaping. A survey was sent out to students in grades 6-12 through survey monkey.

Other Business:

Rachael DeGroat presented a Thank You card the Board of Education received from the Natural Helpers club.

Visitor's Comments:

A member of the audience asked for more information about Warren County having our money from the taxes on state land. A member of the audience asked for more information regarding the possible merger with Minerva Central School. A discussion was had.

Adjournment:

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** at 9:00 to adjourn, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.