

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, June 15, 2020  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

**Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:01 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears, and carried.

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

**Agenda Changes:** Rachel DeGroat removed XI **MOTION** to Adjourn to Executive Session.

**Financial:** Larry Ringer explained that checks were issued In June for trips that were scheduled but had to be canceled due to COVID -19 so the balance on some accounts will show a deficit next statement.  
Larry Ringer reported the Bond on our Capital Project was sold at a premium.  
Tom Ordway thanked Larry Ringer for saving us money.

## Motions:

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to table the **MOTION** to accept the 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Schedule, seconded by Mike Sharp with discussion and carried.

Mike Markwica reported on End of the Year Items:  
A-One Call Now was sent out asking for Chromebooks, calculators, and textbooks to be brought back to school. A letter explaining the fourth quarter grading system was sent home.

Mike Sharp apologizes for getting involved with the procedures for grading. He stated that he knows that grading is not the Boards responsibility.

Mike Markwica informed the Board of a meeting tomorrow night explaining and educating the Board Members on the HRA insurance policy. Mike Markwica will send out invitations to join the Google Meet.

Mike Markwica explained how graduation is still not finalized.

We are still waiting to hear back from ORDA. He also stated that North Warren Central School had to pull out of the plans. Mike Sharp asked how that affects our cost. Mike Markwica explained that the total cost will now be divided by two.

Mike

Markwica wanted the Board to know that Gore Mountain (Bone Bayse) has been very cooperative with the schools and they are behind this event.

Tom Ordway asked when the meeting time was for tomorrow night. Mike Markwica explained that there will be live streaming of the ballot count starting at 5:00 PM, a Board of Education Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM to read and accept the results.

Rachel DeGroat discussed the Board Goals/Summer Retreat. She asked each committee to meet one more time before the end of the year to work on goals for next year. She spoke of her plans for Summer Retreat suggesting four dates this summer.

- 1) evaluations
- 2) Goals
- 3) training from our attorney

4) training from School Boards

Tom Ordway and Mike Sharp both stated that four meetings will be hard to schedule. Rachel DeGroat stated that she will work with Cindy Homer to send out an email/calendar.

Mike Markwica asked the Board what their thoughts were regarding having Board of Education Meetings live starting in July. All Board members feel meeting in person would be a good idea. Erwin Morris stated he researched the rules and we can just have the Board members and still live stream.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve a Board of Education meeting on June 16, 2020, at 7 PM, seconded by Mike Sharp with discussion and carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety Committee:** Mike Markwica reported that Under-Sheriff, Terry Comeau has notified him that they have an officer for our Resource Officer position. Jake Sauer-Jones asked how they located him and Mike Markwica stated he is a local retiring officer.

**Negotiation Committee:** Rachel DeGroat reported that the Negotiations committee has met a few times but nothing is definite yet.

**Update Reports:**

**Budget Vote:** Mike Markwica reported that as of tonight, we have 280 ballots returned.

**Goodbye Parade:** Heather Flanagan reported that the 17th of June will be the Waving Goodbye to the Student's Parade and invited Board members to join. Heather Flanagan also thanked the students, teachers, and staff for all their hard work throughout this difficult time. The positive outweighed the negative she said. Mike Sharp thanked both Mike Markwica and Heather Flanagan for doing a great job.

**Other Business:**

**Casma Video:** Mike Sharp reported that the CASMA video that was put on Facebook was really good. Heather Flanagan stated that all the area school's music teachers worked together to create it.

**Cleaning:** Jake Sauer-Jones reported that the Quick Response Company was not able to give a detailed list of chemicals but it is advertised as environmentally safe. Mike Markwica said that BOCES is looking into this for us.

**State Aid:** Erwin Morris asked Larry Ringer what savings can we find if our State Aid is cut. Discussion was had. We are holding off on some projects but we plan to go through with all of our programs. We are in a good financial state to go into the unknown, we need to be smart financially.

**Adjournment:** Mike Sharp made a **MOTION** at 8:04 to adjourn to, seconded Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This meeting was done by WebEx due to the Coronavirus. Everyone was present by both Video and Audio except one person from the public who was only in attendance through audio.