

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, November 18, 2019
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

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 November 4, 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 Tara Sears with discussion and carried.

Financial Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to accept the Tax Report for 2019, seconded by Tara Sears, and all Board of Education members signed the document that will be sent to Warren County Real Property.

Motions & Discussion: **Executive Session:** Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session for contractual reasons, seconded by Tara Sears and carried at 7:09 pm.
Regular Session: Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to return to Regular Session at 7:40 pm, seconded by Mike Sharp and Carried.

Presentations:

Chad Pooler presented as the Science Chair regarding the new State standards being implemented by 2022. He also spoke of the up and coming Marine Biology Trip to Florida and presented the daily schedule the eight students will follow.

Eric Gelber showed a slide presentation of his STEAM program and explained his STEAM curriculum.

- ebook creator
- command blocks (coding)
- bit bots
- google sights
- code academy (computer coding)

He presented a few examples of his student's work.

David Pede passed out items made from the 3D Printer. He also presented a slide presentation of his STEM curriculum which included

- Java Script
- web design
- robots
- 3D Printing
- Chromebook Repair

Contract: Rachel DeGroat made a **MOTION** to postpone the motion to accept the Employment Contract of Heather Flanagan until the December 9, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Mike Sharp and carries.

Trap Shooting: Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to approve a Trap Shooting Club for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones with discussion, one opposed (Tara Sears) and carries.

403(b): Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to approve the resolution of the 403(b) retirement plan, seconded by Tom Ordway and carries.

Tax Certiorari: Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to accept a tax certiorari reserve for \$21,275, seconded by Sarah Williams and carries.

Archery Club: Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to appoint Erika Patton and Dee Sharp as Co-Coaches for the Archery Club at the same stipend as last year, pro-rated and split evenly for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway with discussion, one abstain, (Tara Sears), and carries.

Elementary Basketball: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to appoint Dana Ordway as the Elementary Basketball Coach at \$600.00 for the 2019-2020 school year with discussion, and carries. Mike Markwica will have the AD send home permission slips to get an idea of numbers and ask Dana Ordway to put together a list of parent volunteers for Board approval.

Volunteer Archery Coach: Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Mike Sharp as a Volunteer Coach for the Archery Club for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones, two abstains (Tara Sears, Mike Sharp) with discussion and carries.

Trap Coach: Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to approve Erika Patton as a coach for the Trap Shooting Club for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams, one abstain (Tara Sears), with discussion and carried. Mike Markwica will provide a recommendation for a stipend to the board on December 9, 2019.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds Committee: Sarah Williams reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met and she highlighted some of the key elements of the meeting.

- boiler/heat
- clocks
- window ballast
- lighting project
- future projects

Curriculum: Mike Sharp spoke on the Curriculum Committee meeting with the discussion focusing on AP courses and college courses. Cost and value are being considered.

Safety Committee: Heather Flanagan discussed the sub-group progress on the creation of a survey monkey five-question survey regarding the opinions of hiring a SRO.

Finance Committee: Rachel DeGroat reported that the Finance Committee met and continued discussions on the Johnsbury Central School Teacher Association contract.

Update Reports:

Lighting Project: Mike Markwica reported that he has been in contact with NYPA and the lighting project is set to begin during Christmas break with the gymnasium being the first classroom to have new lights.

Mental Health Professional: Mike Markwica stated that they conducted their first interview for the Parson's Mental Health professional we will share with Minerva Central School. He will keep the board up to date with the hiring process.

Lockdown, Relocation, Early Release Drill: Heather Flanagan reported that the drill scheduled for November 8th went very well. The Board would like to thank the staff for their part in a successful drill.

Other Business: Tom Ordway found a product - a liquid wash, that he would like Fred Morse, Head of Transportation, to consider for the busses. Mike Markwica will talk to Fred Morse regarding this.

Adjournment: Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 10:05, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____