

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, October 22, 2018
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes

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

Call to Order Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:06 with the Pledge of Allegiance

CSE/CPSE/504 William Conner made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the CSE and CPSE meetings, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Agenda Changes Item F: Pre K Tuition
Item G: Post Security Event Evaluation

Financial Larry Ringer reported on the delivery of the new school bus. Erwin Morris asked which bus the new bus was replacing, Mr. Ringer did not know.

Items for Discussion Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Steve McNally as Varsity Boys Coach at \$4, 107.00 for the 2018-2019 school year seconded by Tara Sears and carried. Mike Markwica spoke describing his meeting with Mr. McNally. Mr. Markwica reported that Steve McNally wants to build a program and is willing to work with the Elementary and Modified teams.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Bruce McGinn as Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Girls' Varsity Basketball team for the 2018-2019 school year seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Emily Burns as a Coach for the Nordic Ski Team at \$2,542.33 for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried. Mike Markwica spoke on his meeting with Miss Burns. Emily is eager to work with the other two coaches and split the stipend.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Steve Tomb as Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Nordic Ski Team for the 2017-2018 school year, seconded by Tara Sears and carried. William Conner asked if volunteers receive any pay. Mike Markwica replied they do not.

Chris Jay made a **MOTION** to approve the Johnsbury Youth Committee's use of a district bus to travel to the Adirondack Wildlife Refuge in Wilmington, NY with the understanding they will be responsible for securing a Johnsbury bus driver and the cost of the bus, seconded by Erwin Morris and carries. Sarah Williams asked if this was done in the past. Mike Markwica explained that it has and how the bill is created.

William Conner made a **MOTION** to accept Harmony Fiske as a Tuition Preschool student at \$3,000 prorated for the 2018-2019 school year at the start of her attendance, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Mike Markwica spoke on the incident that took place with the individual Mimi Tran. Mike Markwica reported that a new security system will be installed over the receptionist area for better viewing of all cameras. Ideas were discussed to further safety around the school. The School Climate and Safety Committee will look into this further.

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met before the Board Meeting and will meet again before reporting to the board.

Updated Reports

Mike Markwica reported on the Girls Sectional game that was played that evening. Girls won the division title but lost 3-0 tonight.

Heather Flanagan reported on the Grade 3 - 8 Math and ELA State Test scores for the last three years with a comparison handout. Grades 4-8 were tested on Chromebooks and third grade were paper tested. All grades will be tested on Chromebooks by spring 2019. This was also the first year for two days of testing, not three. William Conner asked what we hoped to gain from the information we gather from these tests. Mrs. Flanagan replied AIS evaluations and Mr. Markwica stated he would like to look at them to help make changes in the program.

Other Business

William Conner asked where we were with the Building Project. Mike Markwica reported that Bass Hatfield, Dow, and Roofing projects are complete. The boilers are up and running but we have some steam traps that need repairs and replacements.

William Conner asked if there was a resolution on the pipe insulation? Mike Markwica replied that we will pay $\frac{1}{3}$ and Aktor will pay $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost.

The Generator project will be starting soon but we are still not ready to know the contingency balance at this time. Once it is tallied, the building committee will meet and review.

Rachel DeGroat asked where we were with the Parson's Mental Health services. Mike Markwica responded that a representative came to our school and inspected the location and approved the space. We are working with Minerva to hire a full-time Mental Health Counselor. The process could take up to a year. Application submitted to Parsons, Parsons when then apply to the State.

Visitor Comments:

Michael Sharp asked if the Board of Education voted on each tuition request. Mike Markwica responded that each request is considered and brought to the board. The board takes into account any further expenses the student may cost the district and it is brought to the board every year.

Michael Sharp asked where we were with Ms. Tran and if local law enforcement was still involved. Mike Markwica reported that she has not returned to our district but she is still in the area. Erwin Morris reported that he has seen officers in the area every day.

Michael Sharp asked if our phone system allows all classroom phones have access to the PA System.? Mike Markwica replied that only office phones have that capability.

Rebecca Morris asked if we could adjust the chain blockade to make the space shorter. Heather Flanagan replied no because of deliveries.

Rebecca Morris asked if the school would take into consideration the modified teams and their schedules during State testing. Heather Flanagan said she will talk to the AD about this issue.

Executive Session

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a confidential student matter at 8:34, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Adjournment

William Conner made a **MOTION** to return from Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 9:20, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.