

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, October 9, 2018
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 7:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

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

Agenda Changes: Rachel DeGroat added an Executive Session for Legal Personnel discussion under section V after item A before item B.

Discussions: Christian Holt presented information on Senior Exemptions. He asked the Board of Education to allow seniors who do not have students in attendance to receive a lower rate on school taxes. The BOE will send all info to the Finance Committee and a decision will be made before the December 30th deadline.

Motions: William Conner made a **MOTION** to enter and Executive Session to discuss a legal personnel issue at 7:28 PM, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to return to Regular Session at 7:58 PM, seconded by William Conner and carried.

Rachelle DeGroat stated that line items D, E, and K will be tabled until the October 22, 2018 board meeting

William Conner made a **MOTION** to appoint Michelle Volcheck as Cafeteria Worker at Level 1, as stated in the CSEA contract beginning October 10, 2018, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Cassandra Millington as a Bus Driver at level 9, as stated in the CSEA contract, beginning October 10, 2018, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

William Conner made a **MOTION** to appoint Gene Maiorana as Modified Boys' Basketball Coach at \$3520.00 for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Sarah Williams made a **MOTION** to appoint Randy LaFountain as Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach at \$4107.00 for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to appoint Phil Goodman as Modified Girls' Basketball Coach at \$3520.00 for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Shannon Stone as a Coach of the Nordic Ski Team at \$2,542.34 for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Julie West as a Coach for the Nordic Ski Team at \$2,542.33 for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to allow TruGreen to apply Herbicide/Pesticide: The Johnsburg Central School District, BOE, with the knowledge, consent, and approval of the School Superintendent, Michael J. Markwica, requests: **MOTION** authorizing the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Mike Ordway, to arrange for the TruGreen Control Company to make the application of necessary pesticides/herbicides to the fields to combat the destructive influences currently present, seconded by Chris Jay and carried.

Committee Reports: The Policy Committee met and reported that they would like to present part of the Policy Booklet by November 19, 2018.

Update Report: Heather Flanagan reported on the True North Staff Development Day. The day was well received. William Conner asked about the guest speaker, Mr. Travis Allen. Mike

Markwica discussed the positive comments from teachers. Mike Markwica explained again the cost was paid for by a large contribution from Cisco and then split equally among True North Schools.

Heather Flanagan reported that MakerSpace has been running for two weeks now and it has been well received. The Board of Education members are officially invited to visit the area at 6:30 on October 22, 2018.

Visitor's Comments:

Mike Sharp asked if the pesticide application could be applied in the summer. Mike Markwica explained that it is also applied in the summer but it needs to be a schedule throughout the year. Mike Sharp asked if we can get a list of ingredients that are being used. Mike Markwica said we will look into it and provide the information. Mike Sharp also asked if we could find alternative "green" products to use instead of poisons. Mike Markwica replied he will have Mike Ordway look into this.

Mike Sharp asked if there was a threat to the school that the public was not made aware of regarding the suspicious the behavior of the women who entered the town. He wanted to know what activities led to the closing of all after-school Activities.

Mike Sharp stated that he appreciated the effort but it was alarming that the school went to that extreme.

Mike Markwica stressed that the most important point was the Board of Education and the Administration took the situation seriously and all students were safe.

Erwin Morris stated due to the strong reaction of some Johnsbury parents, the board needed to take drastic actions to ensure all student's safety.

Mike Sharp asked if the woman, Mimi Tran, videoed students and did she enter the school? Mike Markwica stated that there was no evidence that she was in the building and that she had interviewed any students at the school.

Warren County Undersheriff C. Shawn Lamouree attended the meeting and address the visitors at this time.

Undersheriff Lamouree recapped the events leading up to Johnsbury Central Schools' decision to cancel all activities for the week, as well as explain what law enforcement can and cannot do at this time.

Jake Saur-Jones asked the BOE the process moving forward. Undersheriff Lamouree stated that Sheriff's Office would keep an eye on the individual as long as she was in the area. Mike Markwica said that the BOE will reevaluate the situation in a few days.

Jake Saur-Jones asked if parents could have received more detailed information. Mike Markwica expressed that there was very little time from the first notification from Minerva's Superintendent to update the parents with anything more than that was stated in the One Call Now.

Jake Saur-Jones also expressed his gratitude to the Administration, Board of Education and law enforcement for their efforts to keep the children safe.

Adjournment:

Tara Sears made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:37, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.