

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, September 24, 2018
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Minutes

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat
William Conner
Chris Jay
Tara Sears
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: Tom Ordway
Erwin Morris

Call to Order: Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motions: Larry Ringer provided a handout with a comparison of meals from 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. William Conner asked Mr. Ringer to gather information on Ala Cart sales from the same timeframe.

Rachel DeGroat reported on the conference that she and Erwin Morris attended regarding School Board Operating Procedures.

She would like the Policy and Planning committee review the brochure and make procedures for Johnsborg. William Conner asked if all board members could have a copy of the brochure to review.

Heather Flanagan was open to discussion over the handouts she presented at the last meeting regarding the Senior Survey and the Five Years Out survey. Noted was both bullying and feeling unsafe were ranked very low but drug use was higher concern. William Conner made a **MOTION** to discontinue the Five Years Out Survey, seconded by Tara Sears and carried

Mike Markwica spoke regarding Staff Development Day. He Invited board members to attend breakfast and then hear the

opening speaker, Travis Allen. This speaker was purchased through funds from CISCO and each school district. The district is only spending \$3,000 to provide staff development for all teachers, TAs and aides. Badges were given to all board members as identification while they are at school.

Committee Reports:

The Finance Committee was given three dates to meet with Judy Cook. They are: Nov. 5, 2018, March 4, 2019 and June 24, 2019.

Update Report:

Mike Markwica spoke on a news article in the Post Star regarding how local school districts have jumped quickly into hiring resource officers instead of looking at a bigger Picture of mental health.

Judge Judy Kristo mentioned to local school districts the use of local community members as mentors for students. The State trains these individuals. Johnsbury would need to provide a supervisor and a room. William Conner asked why this was considered. The judge expressed that a positive adult figure would be a positive impact on our students. If we are interested, we would need to let the state know. Mike Markwica reported that he let the judge know that we had already had two different mentoring programs set up at Johnsbury.

Heather Flanagan expressed gratitude for all the support she received with the Pavillion Project.

Heather Flanagan reported on the article in the Post Star ranking our girls' soccer team 9th in the state.

Heather Flanagan reported that MakerSpace will officially open On Tuesday, September 25, 2018. The Board of Education members are officially invited to visit the area at 6:30 on October 9, 2018.

Other Business:

William Conner asked about any applications for the two positions available: Bus Driver and Kitchen Staff. Mike Markwica reported that he and Heather Flanagan will be interviewing two people for each position.

William Conner asked the board if they have had any Discussion on what to do with the extra money from the Contingency budget? Mike Markwica asked if the Building And Grounds committee could look into this. Larry Ringer will research and report back if paving would be allowed under the criteria as well as the front bank.

Rachel DeGroat spoke on the large turnout for the unveiling of the Barton Outdoor Classroom and wanted to personally thank both Heather Flanagan and Mike Markwica for their contribution in its successful completion.

Visitor's Comments:

Shannon Ordway asked if the school could send a survey out to parents regarding the free lunch. She questioned if some of the high school students were not aware meals are now free.

Adjournment:

Chris Jay made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:08, seconded by William Conner and carried.