

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, September 9, 2019
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 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

CSE/CPSE/504 Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 reports, seconded by Sarah Williams and carried.

Agenda Changes: Mike Markwica added Item V Letter I - **MOTION** to appoint Ronda Morris as an advisor for the Standing Together Club at \$400.00 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Financial: Larry Ringer discussed the large item expenditures listed
Larry Ringer also reported on our Districts Bond Rating (AA-).

Motions & Discussion: Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve Chadwick Pooler for a Horizontal Promotion MA+30 at \$420.00, seconded by Erwin Morris, with discussion and carried.

DISCUSSION was had for the flagship ski program for students at Johnsborg Central School. Board would like to continue with talks to see this program to fruition.

DISCUSSION was had for the possibility of increasing the tutoring rate. Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to raise the tutoring rate to \$20.00 per hour, seconded by Tara Sears. discussion was held. Rachel DeGroat made a **MOTION** to table the motion and give the topic the Finance Committee to establishing an acceptable rate, reporting back to the Board at the October 7, 2019

meeting, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

DISCUSSION was had to change the rate of pay for the Athletic Director to reflect the same rate of pay as Minerva Central School's Athletic Director's pay. Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to increase the Athletic director's stipend to \$4, 488.00, seconded by Tom Ordway and carried with a vote of 4 -3 with Erwin Morris, Jake Sauer-Jones and Mike Sharp opposed.

DISCUSSION was had on the 2019-2020 Board Goals. Erwin Morris made a **MOTION** to approve the 2019-2020 Board Goals without the wording of Town Constable, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to accept Celeb Hughey as a tuition student at \$3,100 for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway defeated with a vote of 0-7.

DISCUSSION was had regarding the current state of the Johnsbury Central School's webpage.

DISCUSSION was had regarding the meeting minutes dated July 2, 2019.

DISCUSSION was had regarding the format of meeting minutes with the Board agreeing to go with the District Clerk's training.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Ronda Morris as an advisor for the Standing Together Club at \$400.00 for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Sarah Williams, carried with Erwin Morris abstaining.

Committee Reports:

N/A

Update Reports:

Heather Flanagan presented two handouts with the NYS testing score data for Johnsbury Central School and comparison data with local schools.

Heather Flanagan reported that the Johnsbury-Minerva Pep Rally held last month was successful

Heather Flanagan reported that she pushed into every classroom to welcome students and talked about the new hat/hoodie policy.

Heather Flanagan handed out flyers to purchase Johnsbury-Minerva sportswear.

Larry Ringer reported on his follow-up letter to the Warren County treasure requesting our funds in October as promised.

Other Business:

Tom Ordway spoke of the success of Board members greeting the staff at the doors on their first day of school and then students on their first day.

Tom Ordway reported that the impromptu luncheon for summer staff was well-received by all who attended.

Sarah Williams asked the Policy Committee to work on a chaperone policy regarding vaping and other prohibited school behaviors.

Jake Sauer-Jones thanked Heather Flanagan for welcoming the new board members in the September issue of the Jottings.

Jake Sauer-Jones asked if teachers were doing the Pledge of Allegiance. Sarah Williams asked the Curriculum Committee to research this and the possibility of creating a homeroom.

Mike Sharp asked the School Climate Committee to look into improving the cafeteria.

Mike Sharp asked if we meet the NYS requirements for Physical Education. The District will look into this.

Visitor's Comments:

Kim McKenna gave her opinion on Board Minutes and the website.

Other:

Erwin Morris mentioned the South Parking lot was very dark in the evening. Michael Markwica reported he would address this issue the next day.

Rachel DeGroat stated the Meet and Greet for new staff members and the Board will take place on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the cafetorium

Adjournment:

Jake Sauer-Jones made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:46, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: _____