

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Elementary Music Room**

President Rick Kaltenberg called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Kellie Loeb, June McCaffery, Carol O'Neil, Andrew Swanson, Richard Wensch, Rick Kaltenberg, and Student Representative Brad Pitzner

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Cale Vogel, Principal Kris Blakeley, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Buildings and Ground Director Dan Fischer, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Amy Rosno, and Trent Rasmussen

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted pursuant to § 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes.

Motion by Draeger/Wensch to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

**Recognition**

Amy Rosno representing the Association of American Educators recognized Trent Rasmussen and presented Trent a Nexus tablet for use in his classroom. The Association is the largest non-union teacher association in the country and the Wisconsin Chapter presents \$15,000 in grants and awards each year.

**Community Viewpoint**

None

**Communications**

**Superintendent Update**

Dr. Garvey updated the Board on several pieces of legislation which would affect schools.

Motion by Wensch/O'Neil to adopt a resolution in opposition to Assembly Bill 481 and Senate Bill 355 which would implement a 2 year waiting period following a failed referendum and send a letter to Senator Fitzgerald and Representative Kleefisch. Motion Carried.

**Principal Reports**

Mrs. Blakeley said Happy American Education Week and thanked the staff and Board for all they do for us and our schools. The Veterans Day celebration was a huge success and the Elementary honored 31 different families. Some classes Skyped with veterans, some did research on the Spirit of Hawaii, some wrote cards to veterans at the Veterans Hospital, and even an Honor Guard came and read to some classes. Mrs. Blakeley stated that today over 400 lunches were served at the indoor cook-out where parents could come and eat with their child. Paraprofessionals had training with EMT's from the Johnson Creek Fire Department on concussions and first aid training. This year the Principal Advisory Committee is doing a silver war. The beneficiary this year is American Children's Hospital and they will be donating

to the cancer ward. Also on December 15<sup>th</sup> the Elementary will have their Christmas program and the Annual Sing along will be at 1:30 p.m. on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Vogel mentioned the Middle School/High School Veterans Day program went well and thanked Mr. Hernandez for organizing it and Mrs. Sweger for speaking about her experience in the National Guard. Mr. Vogel stated The Jefferson County Drug Task Force conducted a K-9 search in the Middle School/High School building for a drug search and no drugs were found. Upcoming events include the Student Council Blood Drive tomorrow, the Middle School Band and Choir concert on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and the High School Band and Choir concert on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Gobbler Theater.

Mr. Vogel also presented some conference division scenarios which may come to fruition if Palmyra-Eagle and Parkview join the conference.

#### Director of Teaching and Learning

Mrs. Krohn provided the Board members with a written report. She described her experience presenting at the State TAG conference.

#### Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Fischer stated that they finished fall preventative maintenance, but they still have to fertilize the football field. Mr. Fischer mentioned that the elementary floor in the multi-purpose room turned out great from the stripping/waxing after the vandalism.

#### Board Member Comments

Mr. Swanson promoted the One Team One Dream Gala coming up on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Elks Club in Watertown.

Mr. Wrensch mentioned that he would like the Board to consider a small budget item for a "Special Gift Fund" which could be used to recognize staff.

Mrs. McCaffery recognized Mr. Lauersdorf and his building class for building a garage at her house.

#### **Committee Reports**

None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by O'Neil/Wrensch to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 28, 2015.  
Motion Carried.

#### **Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Swanson/Wrensch to approve Accounts Payable checks 225844-225988 in the amount of \$2,139,599.88, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 14918-14937 in the amount of \$8,143.63 and Payroll ETF transactions 900930923-900931158 in the amount of \$255,450.15.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Loeb (Y), McCaffery (Y), O'Neil (Y), Swanson (Y), Wrensch (Y) and Kaltenberg (Y).

Yes - 7            No - 0            Absent - 0            Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

**Sites**

Mr. Fischer updated the Board on the building construction. Dr. Garvey also handed out a construction progress report.

**Personnel**

Motion by Loeb/Wrensch to accept resignation from Ginger Riehle effective Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> contingent upon Ms. Riehle paying \$1,500 in liquated damages and to approve the hiring of High School English Teacher Brian Kerska, JV Girls Basketball Coach Megan Hubacher, and to approve JV Girls Basketball Volunteer Coaches Laci Gorski and Kassidy Lemminger. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

Carol O’Neil, Board Clerk, announced the 2016 Spring Election. The following Board members terms expire this April: Carol O’Neil and Andrew Swanson.

Motion by McCaffery/Swanson for the Board to conduct a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c)(g) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction and consider legal counsel advice with respect to litigation which the District is involved.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Loeb (Y), McCaffery (Y), O’Neil (Y), Swanson (Y), Wrensch (Y) and Kaltenberg (Y).

Yes - 7            No – 0            Absent - 0            Motion Carried

The Board returned to open session. In closed session they reviewed performance data of individual employees as well as legal advice from their counsel concerning litigation in which the District may find itself involved.

Motion by Loeb/Wrensch to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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