

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2022
5:30 p.m.
District Board Room

President Richard Wrench called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Ken Johnson, June Kolaske (arrived 5:38 p.m.), Janelle Kwarciany (arrived 5:48 p.m.), Mark Siewert, Wesley Trapp, and Richard Wrench

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Neil O’Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Special Education Director Stacy Pustina, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Student Representative Brooklyn Patterson, Tricia Wagner, Christopher Ritter, and Cheri Potocki

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

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

School Board Re-Organization

2022-23 Election of Officers

Motion by Siewert/Johnson to elect Rick Wrench, President; Mark Siewert, Vice President; Janelle Kwarciany, Clerk; Duane Draeger, Treasurer.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Kwarciany (Absent), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 Motion Carried

2022-23 Designations

Motion by Siewert/Draeger to designate Badger Bank as the District’s Official Depository for general/payroll accounts, Larry Steen as the District’s Official Legal Counsel, to designate the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as the District’s Regular Board meeting time, and to designate *The Watertown Daily Times* as the District’s Official newspaper.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Kwarciany (Absent), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 Motion Carried

June Kolaske arrived.

2022-23 Board Positions

Motion by Draeger/Siewert to eliminate the Village Liaison position. Motion Carried.

Motion by Draeger/Siewert to select June Kolaske as the District's WASB delegate and Janelle Kwarciany as the District's alternate.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Kwarciany (Absent), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wrensch (Y).

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Draeger/Siewert to select Wesley Trapp as the District's CESA #2 delegate.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Kwarciany (Absent), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wrensch (Y).

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Siewert/Draeger to select Janelle Kwarciany as the District's Johnson Creek Education Foundation Committee Representative. Motion Carried.

Motion by Draeger/Siewert to select Ken Johnson and Rick Wrensch as the Joint Recreation Committee Members. Motion Carried.

Communications

Administrative Report

Dr. Garvey stated the preliminary audit is scheduled for the beginning of June and the final audit is scheduled for August. Dr. Garvey reminded everyone the dedication of Wuestenberg Fields is on Saturday. He congratulated the girls track team on being Conference Champions. He also congratulated Mr. O'Connell on his participation in his hooding ceremony and graduation for his Ph.D.

Mrs. Pustina stated she is working on inputting data into eduClimber.

Mrs. Enger can't believe they have almost completed the first year in the new building. Mrs. Enger stated field trips are back in full swing. Open Mic Night was a great success. This Friday is a walking fundraiser on the track benefitting Friends of Our School.

Mrs. Kwarciany arrived.

Mr. O'Connell congratulated all the athletic teams. He mentioned that MS/HS students are done with ACT Aspire and almost done with AP Testing. The Middle School Band concert was last week and the High School Band concert is tonight. Mr. O'Connell stated that 95 tickets were

sold for Prom. Upcoming events include the Blue Jay Nest Café, Awards/Scholarships and Senior Tea, 8th Grade Promotion, and Senior Exit interviews.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Johnson congratulated Mr. O'Connell on his graduation and all the spring athletic teams on their success this year.

Mrs. Kolaske congratulated the girls track team for making history. She also mentioned she was quite amazed at all the comments about the phone incident. She would like the Student Possession and Use of Electronic Equipment policy to go back to the Policy Committee and have steps put in it to help in a situation like this and to review the policy in what is acceptable.

Ms. Patterson stated track has been going very well and prom was a lot of fun.

Mrs. Kwarciany stated the Middle School Band concert was amazing.

Mr. Wensch, Mr. Siewert, and Mr. Draeger echoed everyone's comments.

Mr. Trapp congratulated the girls track team.

Committee Reports

None

Community Viewpoint

Christopher Ritter came as a concerned parent about last week's Middle School incident. He asked questions as to why were only some phones taken and not all of them, why there was not a mass email sent out earlier to the parents that phones were being collected, and why the Johnson Creek Police department was not notified immediately.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Draeger/Trapp to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 18, 2022. Motion Carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Draeger/Kwarciany to approve Accounts Payable checks 240932-241082 in the amount of \$469,277.10, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15668-15678 in the amount of \$5,155.44, and Payroll ETF transaction 900949113-900949352 in the amount of \$308,435.66.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Kwarciany (Y), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wensch (Y).

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

2021-22 Parent Transportation Contracts

Motion by Johnson/Draeger to approve the 2021-22 parent transportation contracts to have parents transport their own children to certain private schools, as presented.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (N), Kwarciany (Y), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 6

No – 1

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

Proposals

Motion by Finance Committee/Draeger to accept the snow removal terms, the mowing terms (understanding that the cost may decrease if the school/community gardens are approved) and to accept the increased service fee proposal from Programmed Cleaning. Motion Carried.

Personnel

Resignations

Motion by Siewert/Kwarciany to accept Taylor Bauer's, Stephanie Bentheimer's, Hillary Hataj's, Candace Ortiz's and Ashley Short's resignations effective the end of the 2021-22 school year. Motion Carried.

Additional Positions

Motion by Personnel Committee/Draeger to approve for 2022-23, an additional EL position (the administrators will select which type of position teacher or paraprofessional based upon the candidates), to approve an additional Special Education teacher position, to approve an additional position for a math interventionist, and to approve a summer contract with Ms. Christian, which will include an additional 15 days.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Kwarciany (Y), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

Compensation

Motion by Personnel Committee/Trapp to approve a starting summer pay wage of \$26.50 per hour keeping the progressive increases and the cap of \$32 and to pay Dr. Garvey for 10 days of unused leave in order to ensure a good transition.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Kwarciany (Y), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wensch (Y).

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

Hiring

Motion by Siewert/Kwarciany to hire Elementary Teachers Elizabeth Benavides and Wendie Poltrock, EL Teacher Adria Braley Jaeggi, Middle School Math Teacher Madison Edgren, Business Education Teacher Ryan Molley, and Special Education Teachers Elizabeth Loppnow and Cassidy Schultz.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Kwarciany (Y), Siewert (Y), Trapp (Y), and Wensch (Y).

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

New Business

Dr. Garvey shared the 2022-23 open enrollment numbers.

Motion by Johnson/Kwarciany to approve WASB Membership. Motion Carried.

Policy (Second Reading)

Motion by Policy Committee/Siewert to approve the following changes and send Policies 363 Use of Computer Networks and District Technology Resources and 443.5 Student Possession and Use of Electronic Equipment back to the Policy Committee for further review.

Policy 342.3 (Gifted and Talented Programs) recognize our personalized approach to instruction and opportunities.

Policy 343.42 (Youth Options Program) combine with 343.43 and replace with new language and rename the policy Off Campus Postsecondary Courses.

Policy 343.43 (Course Options Program) combine with 343.42 and rescind this policy.

Policy 345.1 (Grading Systems) many equate grading with A-F systems, the Committee recommends changing “grading” to “assessments” in most cases throughout the policy. This recognizes our standards based grading and the proficiency reports we use K-8.

Policy 345.4 (K through 8th Grade Advancement Policy) change the title to Level/Grade Advancement Policy. The Committee recommended significant updates.

Policy 345.5 (High Honor Roll/Honor Roll Status) change the requirements to be consistent and address postsecondary courses replacing “youth options” with “postsecondary courses”.

Policy 346 (Testing Programs) the recommendation from the admins is to change the language to reflect current practice and to also remove some of the negativity.

Policy 360 (Resource Sharing/Interlibrary Loan) updated policy to reflect current options and procedures.

Policy 365 (Guidance Policy) change the title to College and Career Readiness. Beginning in 6th grade the career portfolios begin, so we should update the policy to reflect that. We also recommend that a change is made as to graduate information and surveys.

Policy 453.1 (Emergency Nursing Services and Safety) add “the school nurse” in A-6 and adjust language about training and procedures.

Policy 454 (Reporting Child Sexual Assault, Abuse, or Neglect) replace the policy with a more robust policy and eliminate the AR.

Policy 461 (Criteria for Selecting Eligible Students for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship) add a descriptive paragraph as we have in 462.

Motion by Draeger/Kwarciany to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart
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