

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Ken Johnson, June Kolaske, Christina Norby, Mark Siewert, Natasha Steenbergen, and Wesley Trapp

Also present: District Administrator Mark Gruen, Principal Neil O’Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Special Education Director Stacy Pustina, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Heidi Hartz, Paula Constable, Richard Wensch, and Andrea Badon

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

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to adopt the agenda as posted with #6 being replaced with July 17, 2023 instead of June 19, 2023. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Johnson/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 17, 2023. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

None

Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Draeger/Norby to approve Accounts Payable checks 243825-243908 in the amount of \$252,083.61, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15765-15766 in the amount of \$1,887.63, and Payroll ETF transaction 900952878-900952955 in the amount of \$85,520.16.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Y), Norby (Y), Siewert (Y), Steenbergen (Y), and Trapp (Y).

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

Personnel

Motion by Draeger/Johnson to accept Diane Evenson and Brooklyn Hofman’s resignation. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to hire Choir Teacher Alex Bong, Paraprofessionals Jennifer Biro, Vanessa Yenor, and Kimberly Yenser, and Social Worker Kathleen Ayala. Motion Carried.

Policy

Bereavement Language was sent back to the Policy Committee.

New Business

Motion by Kolaske/Draeger to approve the field trip to France, England, and Italy in July 2024. Motion Carried.

Communications

Administrative Report

Mr. Gruen shared that Baird stated property values are up approximately 6.8% in Johnson Creek.

Mrs. Pustina thanked the Administrative team for their support during her maternity leave. She also thanked all the secretaries and Paola Hannon for all their work through out the summer.

Mrs. Enger stated Mr. O'Connell did a lot of work to make sure Johnson Creek had a Choir teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Mr. O'Connell mentioned he finished hiring.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Draeger stated he has heard people from Watertown say they want to transfer their kids to Johnson Creek because of the climate here.

Mrs. Kolaske stated she likes seeing the Administrative team work together.

Mr. Johnson appreciates all the information in the Board packet that necessarily is not on the agenda.

Mr. Trapp wished everyone a great school year.

Mrs. Steenbergen stated Christina and her sat down with Mr. Blakeley to learn more about Summer School. She also mentioned Cross Country is going well and there are about 40 students out.

Mrs. Norby asked about the Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing next month.

Committee Reports

None

Motion by Draeger/Steenbergen to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart
District Administrative Assistant