

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 18, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Ken Johnson, June Kolaske (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), Christina Norby, Mark Siewert, and Natasha Steenbergen

Board Members Absent: Wesley Trapp

Also present: District Administrator Mark Gruen, Principal Neil O’Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Special Education Director Stacy Pustina, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Student Representative Kiya Imig, and Jennifer Malueg

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 20, 2023 and Special Board meeting of December 13, 2023. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

None

Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve Accounts Payable checks 244626-244795 in the amount of \$1,003,233.70, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15791-17596 in the amount of \$1,611.50, and Payroll ETF transaction 900953492-900953745 in the amount of \$368,776.78.

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2

Motion Carried

Mrs. Kolaske arrived.

Personnel

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to accept Nicole Blakey’s resignation. Motion Carried.

Motion by the Joint Recreation Committee/Steenbergen to hire Recreation Coordinator Jennifer Tracy. Motion Carried.

Motion by Personnel Committee/Norby to pay the expenses for the additional ESL license for Adria Braley Jaeggi with conditions in her contract that state “if she leaves in year 1 (2023-2024), she pays the full \$4,000, year two \$3,000, year three \$2,000, year four \$1,000”. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kolaske/Norby to table the Contract Clean Up until January’s Board meeting. Motion Carried.

New Business

Motion by Johnson/Draeger to approve the Band field trip to UW-Whitewater, the FFA Half-Time Conference field trip to Steven’s Point, and the National FFA Leadership Conference field trip to Wisconsin Dells. Motion Carried.

Referendum

The Board members discussed referendum options.

Motion by Johnson/Draeger to have a 3 million recurring referendum question on the April ballot.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1

Motion Carried

There will be a Special Board meeting on Thursday, January 4th at 5 p.m. in the Elementary Music Room related to the referendum.

Communications

Administrative Report

Mr. Gruen thanked everyone for all the meetings this month.

Mr. O’Connell stated Jean Team raised over \$2,200 for Christmas Neighbors. Four students attended the WIAA sportsmanship summit with Mr. Ramseier and are excited to bring back many great ideas to our school and community. The Johnson Creek Historical Society is working with Mrs. Morris Modern History Class as they are being interviewed about historical events dating from 1950’s to 1980’s. The Middle school concert was last week and high school is this week.

Mrs. Pustina stated four elementary students got to participate with Shop with the Cop.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Kolaske stated she likes the feel of the current Board.

Mrs. Steenbergen stated all the Johnson Creek families were adopted for Christmas Neighbors.

Mrs. Norby stated she enjoyed the Elementary concert last week.

Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart
District Administrative Assistant