

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 19, 2024**  
**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, Representative Kiya Imig, Lyndsi Braunschweig, Kathleen O’Connor, Chuck Moehling, and Andrea Badon

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Draeger/Norby to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 15, 2024. Motion Carried.

**Community Viewpoint**

None

**Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report**

Motion by Draeger/Norby to approve Accounts Payable checks 244902-245163 in the amount of \$496,358.79, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15802 in the amount of \$221.64, and Payroll ETF transaction 900953997-900954243 in the amount of \$335,836.82.

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

The Board discussed items to address at several upcoming 15-minute Referendum Information Sessions.

## **Personnel**

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to hire Paraprofessional Lidiana Saucedo and Middle School Track Coach Alex Bong. Motion Carried.

The Board decided to not negotiate with the liquidated damages. Mr. Gruen was advised to write another letter to the staff member and request the \$800 liquidated damages.

## **New Business**

Motion by Steenbergen/Johnson to approve the field trip to Spain and Italy in June 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Curriculum Committee/Steenbergen to approve the 3-year review library plan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kolaske/Johnson to table the 2024-2025 School Calendar. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Johnson to approve the Girls JV Softball Co-op with Lake Mills as presented by Mr. Ramseier. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed Administrative Rules F. 3 Activity Accounts and F. 4 New Student Organization Application.

## **Communications**

### **Administrative Report**

Mr. Gruen stated The Jay was fun to read. He thanked everyone who participated in the Wellness Day.

Mrs. Enger stated Elementary finished MAP testing. She also mentioned Literacy Night is on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 7 p.m. and student led conferences is on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mr. O’Connell stated there has been a lot of competitions lately. The Wizard of Oz Musical is coming up on March 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Middle School music concert is February 20<sup>th</sup> and High School is music concert is on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Pustina stated a new community playgroup pilot program called “Little Jays” hosted by the Johnson Creek School District will have its first session on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> for 2-5-year old’s from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Mrs. Pustina thanked everyone who helped with Wellness Day.

### Board Member Comments

Mrs. Norby stated she reached out to both the Democrat and Republican party of Jefferson County. A resolution was passed by the Republican party in support of the Johnson Creek School District Referendum in the spring of 2024.

### Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart  
District Administrative Assistant