

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order.

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

Board Members Absent: June Kolaske

Also present: District Administrator Mark Gruen, Principal Neil O'Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Dean of Students/Athletic Director Brady Ramseier, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Student Representative Kiya Imig, Richard Wensch, Charles Moehling, Tricia Wagner, Krista Anton, Kristin Chowanec, and Larry Kirkley

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

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger 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 March 18, 2024. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

None

Announce Spring Election Results

District Administrator, Mark Gruen, announced that Duane Draeger and Mark Siewert were re-elected for a three-year term on the School Board and Richard Wensch was elected to a three-year term.

Mr. Gruen administered the oaths of office to Mr. Draeger, Mr. Siewert, and Mr. Wensch. They will begin their terms on Monday, April 22nd, 2024.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Draeger/Norby to approve Accounts Payable checks 245309-245417 in the amount of \$470,675.45, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15809 in the amount of \$60.03, and Payroll ETF transaction 900954489-900954736 in the amount of \$346,448.07.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1

Motion Carried

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve the 2024-25 CESA 2 Contract minus the \$650 legal fee cost. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve the 2023-24 parent transportation contracts to have parents transport their own children to certain private schools, as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to set the 2024-2025 fees at the 2023-2024 rates. Motion Carried.

Motion by Draeger/Norby to accept GO Riteway Transportation proposal for the next 5 years (2024-2025 through 2028-2029). Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the referendum – future planning, possible cuts, and possible referendum.

Personnel

Motion by Norby/Steenbergen to accept Barb Learned and Mackenzie Last's registration. Motion Carried.

Motion by Johnson/Steenbergen to accept Timothy Wagner's retirement effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve Volunteer Softball Assistant Coach Rylie Thomas. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve the hiring of an additional Assistant Baseball Coach Timothy Wagner. Motion Carried.

Motion by Johnson/Draeger to move health insurance renewal into closed session. Motion Carried.

New Business

Committee Appointments

Communications

Administrative Report

Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Enger, and Mrs. Pustina provided the Board members with a written report.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Steenbergen thanked everyone who assisted in referendum communications.

Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby for the Board to conduct a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) and if the said Motion is adopted, then to hold a Closed Session immediately after approval of the said Motion to discuss employment with relation to budgetary staff reductions and the issuance of preliminary notices of non-renewal for individual employees for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

The Board returned to open session.

Motion by Draeger/Johnson to accept the health insurance renewal as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Norby/Draeger to make Administrations recommended cuts as presented:

- 1. Maintenance – cutting one position **\$80,000**
 - 2. AG – cutting the program and Teacher **\$75,000**
 - a. Program costs **\$25,000**
 - 3. Elementary Special Education Teacher **\$62,000**
 - 4. Middle School Math Teacher **\$53,000**
 - 5. 2 Paraprofessionals (due to switch to elementary homerooms) **\$70,000**
 - 6. Math Interventionist Teacher **\$80,000**
 - 7. Panorama – mental health academic wellbeing program **\$9,000**
- Plus additional cuts and savings **\$46,000 = \$500,000**

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve 2024-25 teacher contract renewals that are recommended by the Administration.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Draeger/Norby to approve the 2024-25 letters of intent to support staff that are recommended by the Administration.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve 2024-25 administrators, supervisors, and district office staff contracts as recommended by the Administration.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Norby/Draeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart
District Administrative Assistant