

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 27, 2009
6:00 pm
Elementary Music Room

Call to order: School Board President, Jamie Hombsch, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited by those present.

Roll Call of Attendance: Mr. Battenberg, Mr. Draeger, Mrs. Hombsch, Mr. Kaltenberg, Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. McCaffery, Mrs. Roehl

Also Present: District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley, Principal Eric Ranzen, District Secretary Carolyn Anderson, JCEA Rep. Roberta Gray, JCEA Rep. Ken Johnson, Director of Building and Grounds Dan Fischer, Katelin Shea, Brian Hesse, Cynthia Hirsch, Gail Maron, Mike Landers, Chris Bezoenik, Steve Meloy, Scott Clemence, Shauna Grenz, Andrew Swanson, Fritz Heckel, Bill Foster, Paula Constable, Nancy Doherty, Amanda Stack, Brenda Meidl

Verification of Public Notice Pursuant to s.s. 1984(1) Wis. Statutes: Dr. Garvey verified the meeting was properly posted.

Agenda Revisions/Approval: Moved by McCaffery/Draeger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Community Viewpoint: Mrs. Hirsch commented that the meeting was not listed in the paper on Saturday. Dr. Garvey assured her it had been faxed to the paper.

Facilities Improvement Models: Gary Woodward from Eppstein Uhen Architects presented the first set of “programs” addressing the needs and options identified in the facilities advisory council report. He discussed the 4 options presented. Bruce Marne from Eppstein Uhen Architects presented the preliminary project budgets for the same 4 options. Dr. Garvey then presented the tax impact summary of each option. Everyone was reminded the information is very preliminary.

Facilities Improvement Community Survey: Bill Foster presented a draft of the community survey that has been put together. A suggestion was made to have the school computer lab available for residents to fill out the survey on-line. The projected date to mail the survey to all District residents is November 16, 2009.

Curriculum Committee:

A. Committee Report

Kris Blakeley reported on the curriculum meeting held on October 14th. At their meeting, the Curriculum Committee discussed the referral process as the first step to meeting RTI, and the monitoring after referral. They also discussed progress on curriculum revisions. Mrs. Blakeley presented copies of the documents used.

B. Americorp:

The Americorp after school program has approximately 35 students attending with parent volunteers and high school students helping with tutoring.

C. RTI – covered during Curriculum report

D. Search Institute

Don Battenberg gave out a survey to Board members to fill out and return to him. The survey involved the developmental assets in our community reporting the external and internal assets reported by our youth. The Board was instructed to fill out what they felt the students would say. The surveys will be compared to the student surveys results.

Communications:

A. JCEA Representatives to the Board

Roberta Gray reported on the Elementary happenings.

- Kindergarten visited the fire department
- All school assembly with firefighters “survive alive” house
- K4 and K went to Ebert’s Greenhouse
- First grade went to an apple orchard
- First grade has pen pals in Arizona
- Mrs. Hoffman’s third grade class has personal narratives posted in hallway
- 3rd grade will be starting a Flat Stanley reading and writing project
- Red Ribbon week was last week with different special days: wear red, wear slippers, wear clothes backwards, wear shirts displaying healthy choices
- Teachers are working on fine tuning rubrics for assessments
- Parent/teacher conferences were well attended

Ken Johnson reported on the Jr./Sr. High School:

- Good turn out for parent/teacher conferences
- 40 – 42 students at Washington DC at this time
- Football season is over
- Volleyball is continuing with first round sectional game
- Jr. High Boy’s Basketball has started
- Seniors are making informed intelligent choices about next year
- Getting ready for WKCE testing

B. JCESA – no representative present

C. Superintendent Update

- Working on final budget numbers and levy
- Increase in students and increase in state aid (only one in Jefferson and Dodge counties with increase)
- Decrease in overall levy and mill rate
- H1N1 Clinic today – Charissa Sloviak did an excellent job organizing it. We vaccinated well over 200 students.
- Charissa was also our main person responsible for immunizations of all students in our schools. At this time, there are only 4 students who remain behind schedule in our schools.
- H1N1 closure – we no longer need the Health Department to declare closure. Superintendents can make that decision. They have not published all the rules concerning missing minutes at this time.

D. Principal reports

Kris Blakeley:

- 93.7% attendance for parent/teacher conferences
- Lots of positive comments about new Math and Spelling
- Special praise to Megan Rojemann and her volleyball team for making it to sectionals
- Stacy Menting should be recognized for her outstanding efforts to get reading materials out to staff
- Diane Lonsdale did a great job with Red Ribbon week and heading up the presentation on gangs which took place today
- Diane Lonsdale is organizing a “mix it up day” for sometime in November
- Karah Pugh is heading up the Veteran’s Day program on November 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Eric Ranzen

- Numerous students attended the national FFA conference in Indianapolis
- National Honor Society helped with the book fair in the elementary school
- Mrs. Frank and a group of teachers held ACT study groups
- 8th graders went to Upham Woods
- The Art Club and Sophomore class are in Washington DC
- State testing starting November 10th for 7th and 8th graders and November 17th for 9th-12th graders
- Pep Assembly tomorrow for volleyball sectional

E. Director of Building & Grounds

- Gym lights are installed
- Signs were redone by the football field
- Greenhouse is up, sidewalk is poured, benches inside and electrical will be done later this week

F. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Roehl – Parent/teacher conferences at the Jr/Sr High should be kept to school related conversations – limiting the chatting when other parents are waiting

Mrs. McCaffery – Asked about student representative to the Board and student council representative

Congratulations to Megan Rojemann and the volleyball team for being regional 4 champs

Concerned that lights are being left on in the school when rooms are not in use.

Suggested motion lights

Mrs. Hombsch – enjoying following the Washington DC trip with twitter on-line

G. Board Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Rick Kaltenberg reported trick or treating is Saturday night 5:30 – 7:30 p.m in the Village.

JCEF – Tina Roehl had nothing to report

Recreation Committee – Kellie Loeb reported that Karin Keddie has been hired as part time Director. She introduced Karin to Booster Club. Karin has already met with the Senior Circle. She will have an office soon.

Website Ad Hoc Committee –Last school year, Mr. Perucco’s class designed the web-site. This year, because the web-site is already designed, he has one senior student who updates the web site. Talked about hiring someone to manage the web site. The Committee voted to keep it the way it is. Staff, advisors, and coaches are asked to post things pertaining to their groups on the web site.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2009

Moved by McCaffery/Battenberg to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2009. Motion carried with Loeb abstaining

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report:

Approval to pay bills:

Moved by McCaffery/Loeb to pay accounts payable checks #210608-210985 in the amount of \$713,801.37, there were no wire transfers, payroll checks #12977-13027 in the amount of \$31,944.95 and payroll ETF-900915053-900915213 in the amount of \$199,078.32.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
 McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
 Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Committee Report

Dr. Garvey gave the committee report. Made some minor budget adjustments. The tax levy rate is 9.22.

Approve Budget

Motion to approve the budget adjustments by Finance Committee/Battenberg

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
 McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
 Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Sites and Facilities

Committee Report

The committee recommended four energy saving projects and to fund these projects with a \$22,385 revenue limit exemption. The Committee voted to ban soda from the gym and no lunches to be eaten in the gym.

Energy Projects

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of Johnson Creek exceed the revenue limits by \$22,385 (non-recurring) for the 2009-2010 school year for energy efficiency projects including replacement of water heaters and lighting. Motion by Sites and Facilities Committee/Loeb.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
 McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
 Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Survey Contract with School Perceptions

Motion to accept the survey contract with School Perceptions by Sites and Facilities Committee/McCaffery.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Contract with Eppstein Uhen

Motion to accept the public information contract with Eppstein Uhen by Sites and Facilities Committee/McCaffery.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

New Business

Tax Levy

Be it resolved that the 2009-2010 school tax levy be set at \$3,549,107 which includes \$3,523,465 for operations and instruction (General Fund 10), \$642 for tax charge backs, and \$25,000 for community services (Community Services Fund 80). Motion made by Battenberg/McCaffery to approve.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Education for Employment Plan

Motion by Loeb/Roehl to approve the Education for Employment Plan. Motion carried

Youth Options

There were four Youth Option Requests presented to the Board. Motion to accept these requests by Loeb/Battenberg

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – N, Roehl – Y
Yes – 6, No – 1 Motion carried.

Spanish Club and Art Club trip to Chicago

Motion to approve the field trip request for the Spanish Club and Art Club to go to Chicago. Loeb/Battenberg

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Personnel Agenda

Hiring of Elementary Student Council Advisors

Moved by Roehl/Loeb to hire Karah Pugh and Jessica Schleicher as Co-Elementary Student Council Advisors (splitting the compensation).

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Occupational Therapist Contract

Moved by McCaffery/Roehl to table approval of the Occupational Therapist contract.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7, No – 0 Motion carried.

Resignation of Jr. High Track & Field coach

Motion by Roehl/McCaffery to accept the resignation of Jennifer Helstad as the Jr. High Track and Field coach. Motion carried

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by McCaffery/Roehl

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Anderson,
District Secretary