

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2010
6:00 p.m.
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. Absent was Student Representative, Tim Cwirla

Also Present: District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley, Principal Eric Ranzen, District Secretary Carolyn Anderson, JCEA Representatives Roberta Gray and Ken Johnson, Director of Building & Grounds Dan Fischer, JCESA Representative Charissa Sloviak, Sara Lazenby of Applied Population Laboratory, C.J. O'Neil, Mr. Enger, Mrs. Hirsch, Gary Woodward of Eppstein Uhen, and Kaitlyn Shea from Watertown Daily Times.

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 Loeb/Battenberg to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint:

Mr. Enger suggested to increase pay for School Board members. He would like to see enrollment projections. He also commented about possible school enrollments based on building permits taken out.

Mrs. Hirsch commented that the School Board needs to build trust in the community. She stated community members are asking many questions.

Communications:

A. J.C.E.A. Representatives to the Board

Roberta Gray

- Dance drum troupe from Madison performed in the Elementary
- Each grade is studying an African country
- Mrs. Christian's and Mrs. Miller's first grades created digital storytelling

- Mrs. Hoffman's third grade has Reader's Theatre with Africa Tales and book talks on her website
- February 24 is third grade annual African festival
- Kindergarten through second grade celebrated the 100th day of school
- Fifth – eighth grades held the Spelling Bee
- Dr. Melke will visit Kindergarten through third grade for a program on dental health
- Staff had presentation on ELL on Early Release Day
- Student led conferences on March 1

Ken Johnson

- Second semester is off to a good start.
- Mrs. Frank and Mr. Ranzen have gotten scholarship information out
- Tenth graders are starting to make plans for their future
- Winterfest dance was on Saturday
- Winter sports are drawing to an end
- Very proud of the wrestlers going to sectionals

B. J.C.E.S.A. Representative to the Board

Charissa Sloviak reported they met to ratify the contract.

C. Student Council Representative Report

No report

D. Superintendent Update

- Busy in District Office
- March 15 and March 23 we will hold informational meetings
- Website will have a page dedicated to referendum information
- First postcard may be hitting mailboxes the end of this week (depending on tonight's vote on resolutions)
- A big mailing will go out probably the first week in March
- Recognize wrestling program for going to team sectionals on Tuesday. At the individual sectionals on Saturday, 12 of the 14 weight classes will also be represented
- The Negotiation Committee has finished and the contract is available for School Board ratification

E. Principal Reports

Kris Blakeley

- Recognize Margaret Adelmeyer and Paula Wolter for their work on the multi-cultural week
- Thank you to Dr. Melke for coming to our school
- Received Movin and Munchin grant from DPI

- April 7th two Olympians will be visiting our school for an assembly
- Ron Nelson will be taking all of the Elementary students to a track and field day at U.W. Whitewater
- Staff development – had a speaker come and talk about ELL and differentiation.
- Summer Institute to offer teacher’s credit to learn about district credit
- African Festival Friday afternoon
- Math Fun night coming soon
- 4K Screening will be February 24th

Eric Ranzen

- High School Library sponsoring a “pop open a book” competition
- Some Jr. High students entered compositions in Southern Lakes Anthology and did quite well.
- Started High School Forensics competition
- Started scheduling process for next year
- Master schedule is almost complete for next year
- FBLA competed in regionals
- Brandon Robinette was the winner of the District Spelling Bee
- Students of the month were chosen
- Study table statistics were handed out

F. Director of Building and Grounds

- Busy with end of winter sports
- Recommendation for lunchtime position

G. Board Member Comments

Jamie Hombsch complimented the wrestling team. Jamie recognized some Chess Festival tournament winners: Micah Garvey, Jack Schoettel, Anthony Purpi, Brandon Mundt, Alexia Wollet, and Jamison Richardt. Another Chess Club is being planned for Spring.

H. Board Committee Reports

Village Liason – Primary tomorrow

Curriculum – They have been looking at Art and Music for the last two months. Some students presented presentations to the Committee. More students came and would like to put together a winter bowling club and a varsity girls soccer team. A student presented information on how the self advocacy class is working. The Curriculum committee is putting an advisory group together to look at grading, class rank, weighted grades, and all policies related. Mrs. Hombsch will recommend 2 board members for the committee.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Battenberg/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 18, 2010.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Draeger/Roehl to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of February 1, 2010.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Approval to Pay Bills

Motion by McCaffery/Battenberg to pay accounts payable checks 211494 – 211722 in the amount of \$439,507.63, there were no wire transfers, payroll checks 13178 – 13209 in the amount of \$18,894.54 and payroll ETF 900915791 – 900915982 in the amount of \$216,045.76.

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

Approve Budget

There were no budget adjustments.

School Enrollment Projection Report

Sara Lazenby presented the enrollment projection analysis completed by the Applied Population Laboratory, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Resolution I

Motion by Battenberg/Kaltenberg for the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Johnson Creek, Jefferson County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,670,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing and equipping a new junior/senior high school; and making related site improvements.

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
 Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion Carried

Resolution II

Motion by Roehl/Loeb for the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Johnson Creek, Jefferson County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,398,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing and equipping athletic facilities in connection with the new junior/senior high school.

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – N, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – N, Roehl – Y

Yes = 5 No = 2 Motion Carried

Resolution III

Motion by Loeb/Draeger for the following resolution:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION
ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL
OF INITIAL RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,068,000

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of Johnson Creek, Jefferson County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Initial Resolution Number I Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,670,000" and "Initial Resolution Number II Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,398,000" (collectively, the "Initial Resolutions"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Initial Resolutions to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 6, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 6, 2010 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the propositions of whether the Initial Resolutions shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the Watertown Daily Times within ten days after the date hereof.
- (b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in the Watertown Daily Times in the issue published the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be published in the Watertown Daily Times in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit C shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election at least 42 days prior to the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District no later than the end of the next business day, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 25 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session as soon as possible after the close of the polls to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 120.115(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Initial Resolutions within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolutions and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Roll call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion Carried

Personnel

Motion by Roehl/Loeb to:

- approve hiring part time custodian
- approve leave request
- approve resignation of football coach

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – N, Roehl – Y

Yes = 6 No = 1 Motion Carried

Negotiations

Motion by the Negotiations Committee/Battenberg to ratify the contract between the JCESA and the Johnson Creek Board of Education:

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion Carried

Policy Committee

Mr. Battenberg thanked all who served on the Athletic Code Committee. Motion by Roehl/Draeger to accept the Athletic Code:

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion Carried

New Business

Motion by Loeb/Battenberg to approve:

- overnight FFA field trip to WI Dells
- approve field trip to Miami, Florida – Splash into Science

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion Carried

Next School Board Meeting to be held on March 8th. This date was changed from March 15th to allow for the referendum information night.

Closed Session

Motion by Draeger/Kaltenberg to move into closed session pursuant to State Statutes 1985(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Roll Call Vote: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y,
Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion Carried

Open Session

The Board returned to open session.

Board President Jamie Hombsch indicated that the Board renewed 58 teacher contracts for the 2010-11 school year.

Motion by Draeger/Kaltenberg to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carolyn Anderson
Administrative Assistant