

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 21 2011
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

Call to Order: President Tina Roehl 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. Draeger, Mrs. Roehl, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. McCaffery, Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Loeb, Student Representative Morgan Loeb, and Rick Kaltenberg (arrived 6:42 pm)

Also present: Principals Kris Blakeley and Eric Ranzen, Board Secretary Carolyn Anderson, JCEA Representatives Roberta Gray and Ken Johnson, JCESA Representative Charissa Sloviak, Building and Grounds Director Dan Fischer, Kurt and Trisha Altreuter, Charlie Schick, Juanita Edington, Samantha Becker, Fritzi Heckel, Jamie Hombsch, Melanii Kolaske, and Katelin Shea

Verification of Public Notice Pursuant to s. 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes: Dr. Garvey verified the meeting was properly posted.

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

Community Viewpoint

Jamie Hombsch – regarding youth volleyball clinic
Melanii Kolaske – regarding concession stand

Communications

A. JCEA Representatives to the Board

Roberta Gray

- K – 2nd grade celebrated the 100th day of school last week
- 46 children were screened for 4K
- Mad Science is up and running on Tuesdays
- 4th grade will be collecting used cell phones and cartridges as their Service Learning Project
- Meriah Frost, Zumba instructor, got everyone moving at P.O.P.S. last Monday. February is National Heart month
- Mr. Nelson gave awards for Jump Rope for your heart students
- 1st grade classrooms celebrated the Chinese New Year
- 3rd grade is working on their Africa unit
- A volunteer from Jefferson County Ag in the Classroom program visited 2nd grade
- Elementary Student Council held an “act of kindness” activity
- Gearing up for student led conferences on Monday

Ken Johnson

- Second semester off to a good start
- Scheduling for next year has started
- Winter sports are drawing to a close
- Athletic Banquet is March 22
- 5 wrestlers are going on to State
- Thank you to Dan for all the hard work that was done through the busy sport season

B. JCESA Representative to the Board

The JCESA thanked everyone for their support of their union. They are looking forward to having the right to respectfully and professionally “agree to disagree” during negotiations.

- Custodians have been working around family emergencies and illness
- Kitchen staff have offered a few new items
- Paraprofessionals are hoping for warmer weather
- Maintenance enjoyed a week off from plowing and salting
- Bus drivers are busy with routes and extra-curricular trips
- Open enrollment ends this Friday and secretaries are putting the future students from last week’s 4K/5K and child find screening in the computer

C. Student Council Representative to the Board

- Winter trips are hopefully going this Thursday
- Winter fest dance is this Saturday
- Talent show hopefully in a couple of weeks

D. Superintendent Update

- Thank you to Kellie for hosting the Board Retreat and the terrific meal
- Discussed the District goals and our progress
- Will continue with 2 major goals: improve student achievement and improve facilities
- 2011/12 budgeting cycle will start this week
- We are in a good financial situation compared to other Districts
- Recognizes the professional way that staff members are handling the current political uncertainty. School stayed open and staff remained on the job working hard to educate our students. No professional or instructional time was lost.

E. Principal Reports

Kris Blakeley

- Thank you to Lyssa and Cyndi Braunschweig for their recent activity with the Student Council
- Thank you to Kwik Trip and Pernats on behalf of Friends of Our School for their donations to Saturday mornings basketball

- Family Engineering Night is tomorrow night
- Chess Club is starting up
- Mad Science goes through March 8th
- Inservice was held regarding grading
- Parent/teacher conferences on Monday and no school on Friday

Eric Ranzen

- Announced January students of the month
- High School forensics had their first meet
- Scheduling has started
- Mrs. O'Neil took some High School students to a leadership conference
- February 18 was the Jr. High winter fest trips
- Mrs. Nimm had students performing at the Trailways Honor Band today
- March 12 is the Science Fair competition for Jr. High
- May
- Mr. Perucco has students taking pictures for the year book

F. Director of Building and Grounds

- Basketball season is winding down which is a very busy time of year

G. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Swanson said he appreciates the professionalism our staff has used
- Mrs. McCaffery commented she wrote a letter to editor concerning how our staff used professionalism during the recent turmoil of pending recovery bill
- Mrs. Roehl also thanks all the staff for their professionalism

H. Board Committee Reports

Village Liaison

Michelle Kaltenberg and Vicki Zick are candidates for Village President

JCEF

- No meeting

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2011 and Special Board Meeting of February 7, 2011

Motion by McCaffery/Swanson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by McCaffery/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of February 7, 2011. Motion carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report:

Approval to pay bills:

Moved by McCaffery/O'Neil to pay accounts payable checks #214160 - #214419 excluding #214217 and #214218 in the amount of \$545,208.86, there were no wire transfers, payroll checks #13610 - 13640 in the amount of \$11,139.24 and payroll ETF-900918308 - 900918514 in the amount of \$236,009.78.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – ab. Roehl – Y

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1 Motion carried.

Motion by McCaffery/Swanson to pay accounts payable checks #214217 and #214218 in the amount of \$140,995.01

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – abstained, Kaltenberg – ab, McCaffery – Y, Roehl - Y

Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstained – 1, Absent - 1 Motion carried.

No budget adjustments are needed at this time.

Old Business

The School Board members were asked to reconsider Charlie Schick's request of leave from his duties for approximately one month. Motion by Loeb/Draeger to allow the request of leave.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – N, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – N, Kaltenberg – ab, McCaffery – N, Roehl - Y

Yes – 3, No – 3, Absent - 1 Motion denied.

New Business

The School Board discussed the request of the Altreuters to detach from Watertown School District and attach to the Johnson Creek School District. Motion by Swanson/McCaffery to allow the attachment to our School District.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – ab. Roehl – Y

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1 Motion carried.

The School Board discussed the request of an overnight fieldtrip to Eau Claire for Co-ops YES Youth Leadership Conference. Motion by Loeb/O'Neil to all the overnight trip. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by O'Neil/Swanson to accept the contract with James Martin for Summer School Director.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – ab. Roehl – Y

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1 Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neil/Draeger to accept the spring sport coaching contracts as presented.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – ab. Roehl – Y

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1 Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to hire Jodie Wolff as a special education paraprofessional.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – ab. Roehl – Y

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1 Motion carried.

Rick Kaltenberg arrived at 6:42 p.m.

Motion by Loeb/Draeger to increase the contract for Jeanette Heitman

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – Y. Roehl – Y

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent - 0 Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee

Kellie Loeb gave a report from the committee. They discussed Club Golf and also Human Growth and Development. They also looked over the classes being offered next school year.

Motion by Curriculum Committee/O'Neil to approve Club Golf with Herb Harwood as the advisor.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – Y. Roehl – Y

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent - 0 Motion carried.

The Board of Education was reminded by Mr. Johnson that Mr. Harwood is interested in the position but the position had not been posted as of yet.

Motion by McCaffery/Swanson to rescind the previous motion to approve Club Golf with Herb Harwood as the advisor

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O’Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent - 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Committee/O’Neil to approve Club Golf. Motion passed.

Motion by Curriculum Committee/O’Neil to accept the Human Growth and Development curriculum. Motion carried.

Old Business

The Board of Education reconsidered Mr. Schick’s request for time off at this time due to Mr. Kaltenberg’s arrival. Motion by Loeb/Draeger to allow Mr. Schick’s request.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – N, Draeger – Y, O’Neil – N, McCaffery – N, Kaltenberg – N, Roehl – Y

Yes – 3, No – 4, Absent - 0 Motion denied

Closed Session

Motion by McCaffery/Swanson to move into Closed Session to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and to discuss bargaining strategies.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O’Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent - 0 Motion carried.

Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session. Mrs. Roehl announced that during Closed Session, the Board reviewed evaluations and renewal recommendations from the Personnel Committee, renewed teacher contracts and issued a preliminary notice to non-renew a teacher. The Board also extended the contracts with financial concessions of the Bookkeeper, District Secretary, and Jr./Sr. High Principal. The Board also discussed the Administrator’s evaluation.

Recommendations from the Negotiation Committee/McCaffery to extend contracts with the JCEA and the JCESA through June 30, 2012 with the following changes for the 2011-12 school year.

JCEA members will pay 9% or \$40, whichever is greater, towards a single health plan or 9% or \$100, whichever is greater, towards a family health plan and 12% towards a dental plan. They will also pay the employee portion of the WI Retirement contribution. A \$400 increase to each cell on the salary schedule is also included.

JCESA members will pay 9% or \$40, whichever is greater, towards a single health plan or 9% or \$100 towards a family health plan, whichever is greater. Those hired after June 16 2008 who have access to family insurance will pay 30% of their family plan cost. JCESA members will pay 12% of the dental plan and the employee's portion of the state retirement contributions.

15 cents will be added to each cell of the wage schedule.

Roll call: Loeb – Y, Swanson – Y, Draeger – Y, O'Neil – Y, McCaffery – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Roehl – Y

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent - 0 Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Swanson/O'Neil to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Anderson,
Administrative Assistant