

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

President Rick Kaltenberg called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Kellie Loeb, June McCaffery, Carol O'Neil, Richard Wensch, Rick Kaltenberg, and Student Representative Brad Pitzner

Board Members Absent: Andrew Swanson

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Cale Vogel, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Buildings and Ground Director Dan Fischer, and Maas Representative Tony Meyers

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

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

Community Viewpoint

None

Sites

Tony Meyers, from Maas Brothers, updated the Board on the building construction and answered any questions the Board members had. He commented that the project has been going well and several milestones in the project have been met. Mr. Fischer complemented Maas, Wondra, South, and the rest of the subcontractors on how well they have worked together. Mr. Meyers shared that the time spent early in the project doing the BIM modeling has paid off. Dr. Garvey also handed out a construction progress report.

Communications

Superintendent Update

Dr. Garvey reviewed pending legislation which could impact the District. SB 355 (change in referenda law) received a hearing just about a week after Senator Fitzgerald responded to Board members' opposition that it had yet to be introduced. He also pointed out that Rep. Vos has indicated that expanding guns on school grounds is "not a priority" however; Dr. Garvey noted that it seems to be getting quite a bit of discussion in the media.

Dr. Garvey announced that he, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Kaltenberg, Mrs. McCaffery, and Mrs. O'Neil will be representing the District at the WASB/WASDA/WASBO Joint State Education Convention this week.

The Administrative team met last week for their winter retreat. They will present a MS/HS schedule and school calendar to the Curriculum Committee in February. Their proposal will include school beginning after Labor Day and includes a week off for Thanksgiving.

Principal Reports

Mrs. Blakeley was absent.

Mr. Vogel announced that exam week is this week and that Musical auditions were held for the April 9th musical. He congratulated the wrestling team on being named conference champions. Mrs. Frank had a very successful financial aid night. The Girls' Basketball Team is hosting an autism awareness night next Tuesday (January 26th).

Director of Teaching and Learning

Mrs. Krohn provided the Board members with a written report about the Badger exam and ACT testing. She focused on the one year nature of the exam and she and Mr. Vogel stated that they use MAP data for instructional decisions since they have individual growth history on each and every student. They are focusing on preparing for the Forward exam this spring. Mrs. Krohn will continue to share data with the Curriculum Committee as it becomes available.

Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Fischer informed the Board that the MS/HS gym floor and the Elementary Multipurpose Room floor were completed over winter break.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. O'Neil reminded the Board members that raffle tickets and Gala tickets were still available.

Mr. Pitzner mentioned he is preparing for his role as Snoopy in the spring musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown".

Mr. Draeger asked that the OTOD Committee look at how individual recognition will be given to individuals donating to the fields. He expressed that people have approached him looking for public recognition (brick, Tile, Board, etc).

Committee Reports

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Neil/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 14, 2015.
Motion Carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Wensch/Draeger to approve Accounts Payable checks 226157-226453 in the amount of \$2,167,407.49, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 14952-14964 in the amount of \$5,863.73 and Payroll ETF transactions 90093192-900931618 in the amount of \$244,275.05.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Loeb (Y), McCaffery (Y), O'Neil (Y), Swanson (Absent), Wensch (Y) and Kaltenberg (Y).

Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent - 1 Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

Policy

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 120 (School District Legal Status) to include reference to PK-12 rather than just K-12.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 131 (School Board Elections) to align with state statute.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 133 (Filling Board Vacancies) to meet the requirements of 2015 Wisconsin Act 63.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 163 (Board Member Development Opportunities) to modernize the policy to include all Board development opportunities and out-of-town business.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 171.2 (Setting the Agenda) to use consistent language throughout the policy.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 185 (Board Committees) and to create Policy 185.1 (Board Committees and Appointments) from AR 185 to remove defunct committees and place committee duties in policy. It was identified that the Communications Committee was missing from the list and will be added before the final consideration.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 425 (Open Enrollment Program) and considered changes needed due to a recent change in state statute.

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 462 (Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship) and considered a change needed to remove the reference to only being a policy for 2014-15.

Mr. Wrensch asked when the Bluejay pass would be revisited. Dr. Garvey advised that the Bluejay pass was a vehicle to meet the requirements of Policy 434 and that the Policy itself has always stated students needed permission to leave campus from a parent and the principal—in essence a closed campus. When, and if, the Bluejay pass will continue could be discussed at any future meeting and in Dr. Garvey's opinion would not require a change in policy. Dr. Garvey suggested that it be discussed when the administrators present the 2016-17 schedule and calendar to the Curriculum Committee in February.

The Policy Committee meets February 8th and 29th.

New Business

Open Enrollment Space Determination

Motion by Wrensch/Loeb to set the open enrollment limits for the 2016/17 School Year at:

- No space limits will be placed upon regular education applicants.
- The following spaces are available in the respective special education programs:
 - EBD program – no spaces available

- CI program - 3 spaces available at Elementary level, no spaces at MS/HS level
- SLD program – 3 spaces available at Elementary level, no spaces at MS/HS level
- SDD – no space limits
- Speech and Language – no space limits
- Autism – 3 spaces at Elementary Level, no spaces at MS/HS level

The available spaces are based upon a level 1 service designation of a child’s disability. Consequently, it is understood that an accepted open enrollment applicant may fill more than one of the open spaces based upon the distinct individual needs as listed in the child’s IEP thus reducing the number of applicants accepted. It is also understood that in the case of student with disabilities, that the District may deny open enrollment based upon other factors than lack of space, including the inability to meet the needs outlined in the child’s IEP.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Loeb (Y), McCaffery (Y), O’Neil (Y), Swanson (Absent), Wrench (Y) and Kaltenberg (Y).

Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent - 1 Motion Carried

Motion by McCaffery/Draeger to approve the FFA Student field trip to Wisconsin Dells, WI. Motion Carried.

Spring Election

Mrs. O’Neil announced that Carol O’Neil and Mark Siewert are the candidates in the spring election and will be listed on the ballot with Mr. Siewert listed first and Mrs. O’Neil listed second. There will not be a primary for school board.

WASB Resolutions

School Board members asked Mrs. McCaffery to vote in the best interest of the District for the resolutions as the Board’s delegate to the Annual WASB Delegate Assembly later this week.

Motion by McCaffery/Loeb to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Garvey, Ph.D.
District Administrator