

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Detachment Hearing Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2018
During the Johnson Creek Board of Education Meeting, which began at 6 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

Kellie Loeb, Vice-President of the Johnson Creek Board of Education called the Hearing to order. Mrs. Loeb confirmed that the board meeting notice which set forth the date and time of this hearing also contained her appointment as Chair. She announced that she had the original notice if anyone wished to view it. No one did.

Motion by O'Neil/Draeger that Dr. Garvey serves as the hearing secretary and Mrs. Stewart records the minutes. Motion Carried.

The School Board waived the reading of the notice hearing.

Mrs. Loeb introduced the members of the Johnson Creek Board of Education present including Duane Draeger, June Kolaske, Jennifer Malueg, Carol O'Neil, Mark Siewert, and Kellie Loeb.

NOTE: Mr. Wrench stepped away from the Board table and took a seat in the audience.

Dr. Garvey reviewed the statutory basis for which the Board decision should be made. He stated:

The school board(s) shall consider and weigh the following factors as they affect the educational welfare of all the children of all the school districts affected by the proposed reorganization:

- The geographical and topographical characteristics of the affected school districts, including the estimated travel time to and from school for pupils in the school districts;
- The educational needs of all children residing in the affected school districts, the educational programs currently offered by each affected school district and the ability and commitment of each school district to meet those needs and continue to offer those educational programs;
- If territory is proposed to be detached from one school district and attached to an adjoining school district, whether the proposed detachment will have any adverse effect on the program currently offered by the school district from which the territory is proposed to be detached, including both curricular and extracurricular aspects of that program;
- The testimony of and written statements filed by the residents of the affected school districts;
- The estimated fiscal effect of the proposed reorganization of the affected school districts, including the effect of the apportionment of assets and liabilities;

- Whether the proposed reorganization will make any part of a school district's territory noncontiguous;
- The socioeconomic level and racial composition of the pupils who reside or will reside in territory proposed to be detached from one school district and attached to an adjoining school district or in a school district proposed to be dissolved; the proportion of the pupils who reside in such territory who are children at risk, as defined under s. 118.153(91)(a); and the effect that the pupils described in this paragraph will have on the present and future socioeconomic level and racial composition of the affected school districts and the proportion of the affected school districts' enrollments that will be children at risk.

In reaching its decision, the school board(s) may consider and weigh other appropriate factors as needed.

Mrs. Loeb read the petition. She stated that the petitioner requests that the property at N7126 Erb-Wensch Lane, Johnson Creek be detached from the Lake Mills School District and attached to the Johnson Creek School District.

She also shared that the parcel in question was part of the Erb farm which was detached from the Johnson Creek District many years ago. That detachment created an island of Lake Mills property entirely surrounded by the Johnson Creek School District.

Mrs. Loeb explained how the public testimony would proceed.

Petitioner Richard Wensch shared information about the parcel and his rationale as to the petition.

He stated:

- The parcel in question along with the Erb farm which is just to the north are part of an island of Lake Mills within the Johnson Creek School District. This island was created by a detachment many years ago.
- Travel time and distance is very short to the Johnson Creek Schools compared to the distance travelled to Lake Mills Schools.
- Currently, no school aged children live on the property. However, both schools are exceptional. They provide excellent academic and extracurricular opportunities in a safe environment. There is no detriment to the educational needs of any future students who may live on the property caused by attaching this parcel to Johnson Creek.

- Currently, no school aged children live on the property. The parcel is small and in the future would only potentially affect one family. I cannot think of a way that one family could affect the program of the Lake Mills School District.
- Approval of the petition would reduce the property value of the Lake Mills School District and increase the property value of the Johnson Creek School District by \$128,500. This is a very small parcel with a low assessed value. In the grand scheme of things, it will not have a significant financial effect on either District.
- This action would restore some of the non-contiguous nature of the JC School District
- A decision either way would not negatively affect the school districts' socioeconomic level or racial composition.

No other proponents spoke

No one rose in opposition of the petition.

Mrs. Loeb closed the public presentations portion of the hearing and allowed clarifying questions to be asked by the Board Members.

Mrs. Loeb reviewed the decision alternatives and explained them.

- Grant the request for transfer of the territory described in the petition.
- Deny the request for transfer of the territory described in the petition.

Motion by Draeger/Kolaske to grant the transfer of the territory described in the petition. That the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 26, 2018, be granted and an order entered detaching the territory described in said petition from the Lake Mills School District and attaching said territory to the Johnson Creek School District.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Draeger (Y), Kolaske (Y), Malueg (Y), O'Neil (Y), Siewert (Y), Loeb (Y)
Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by Siewert/Kolaske to ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Reorganization reflecting the approval of the attachment of Land as requested in the petition. Motion Carried.

The hearing was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Garvey, Ph.D.
Superintendent