

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 16, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Weis Center**

President Richard Wrensch called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Heidi Hartz, Ken Johnson, Jennifer Malueg, Mark Siewert, and Richard Wrensch

Board Members Absent: June Kolaske

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Neil O'Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Pupil Services Director Stacy Pustina, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Student Representative Hannah Constable, Carol O'Neil, Diane Trimborn, Paula Constable, Courtney Morris, Damon Anderson-Mahan, and Kyle Mahan

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

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

**Conduct the Annual Budget Hearing**

Mr. Wrensch appointed Rebecca Stewart to be the secretary of the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

**State of the District 2019**

Dr. Garvey gave his annual State of the District report. During his report he stated:

- “Student population continues to increase.
- We are half way through with our athletic fields’ project and half way through with our fundraising. We will need to hit fundraising hard again this year.
- We added our new Greenhouse and turned the old greenhouse into our Aquiculture and hydroponics lab. Our maintenance building is 90% completed.
- Over the past eleven years, we have seen a tremendous change in curriculum and our instructional practices. As you know, these changes have been the result of very hard work by our staff and students. Over this time, we have seen full implementation of personalized learning. Students are showing incredible progress on our MAP tests. We have increased the number of AP courses we offer and our students are being more successful than ever before.
- We continue to have districts visit our buildings to see personalized learning in action. Through work with UW-Madison we are gaining national attention.
- I have been in administration for nearly a quarter century. I have worked with a variety of excellent administrative team members. 2018-19 was great because of the

administrative team we have assembled. It is, without a doubt, the most functional and professional team of which I have been part.

### Budget Review

Dr. Garvey stated the 2019-20 proposed budget:

- Continues to update the curriculum and instructional practice.
- Continues financial health of the District.
- We ended the year with only the debt related to the new building and athletic facilities.

Dr. Garvey reviewed the Budget.

Dr. Garvey explained the revenue limit process. He also reminded Board members that even though the Annual Meeting will set an advisory levy, by statute, the final levy must be set by November 1<sup>st</sup>, by the Board.

Motion by Draeger/Malueg to recess the Board meeting in order to convene the Annual Meeting.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Hartz (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Malueg (Y), Siewert (Y), and Wrensch (Y).

Yes – 6                      No – 0                      Absent – 1                      Motion Carried

Following the Annual Meeting, the Board meeting resumed.

Motion by Malueg /Hartz to set aside the policy and approve the early graduation request to graduate one year early requested by Damon Anderson-Mahan.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Hartz (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Malueg (Y), Siewert (Y), and Wrensch (Y).

Yes – 6                      No – 0                      Absent – 1                      Motion Carried

### Community Viewpoint

None

### Communications

#### Principal Reports

Mrs. Enger mentioned she completed all of the work to be certified as a principal and will complete her Director of Curriculum and Instruction certification this fall. She stated about 85 percent of students showed up for Elementary Open House. The first few weeks of school have gone well and all the new staff is doing great. Mrs. Enger mentioned she worked with the food

service staff to have time added for kindergarten students at lunch the first week to help them get the hang of everything.

Mr. O'Connell mentioned over ninety percent of students attended the 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. Mr. O'Connell stated new this year with the MS/HS Back to School Night was a 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade presentation for parents. This week is homecoming and there are a lot of activities planned.

#### Director of Teaching and Learning

Mrs. Krohn mentioned the staff inservice went well.

#### Pupil Services Director

Mrs. Pustina stated she had her first IEP meeting of the school year, today. She is excited to start her Gratitude Group, Special Skills Class, and Mental Health Class.

#### Board Member Comments

Hannah Constable stated this year started out really well and really can't believe how fast high school has gone. Hannah mentioned she was elected Student Council President this past week. She likes all the new classes that are offered at Johnson Creek.

Mrs. Malueg congratulated Mrs. Enger on her completion of being certified as a principal.

Mrs. Hartz really appreciated the new additions to the MS/HS Back to School Night.

Mr. Wensch updated the Board on the 2019 Gala. Out of 176 seats there are only 19 seats left. Raffle Tickets are also available for \$50 each. First place is \$2,000, second place is \$750, and third place is \$500. Mr. Wensch mentioned that the 2020 April referendum will be here soon.

Diane Trimborn thanked the Board for giving her son the opportunity to take advanced classes. A Professor at UW-Whitewater was very surprised how much experience her son had in computer science, coming from a small school district.

#### Committee Reports

None

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Draeger/Hartz to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 19, 2019. Motion Carried.

#### Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Draeger/Malueg to approve Accounts Payable checks 234943-235108 in the amount of \$454,092.45, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15378 in the amount of \$1,300.28 and Payroll ETF transaction 900942190-900942273 in the amount of \$83,510.75.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Hartz (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Malueg (Y), Siewert (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1

Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

### **Personnel**

Motion by Hartz/Malueg to hire Kindergarten Teacher Morgan Dunton, to hire Cynthia Venem as Middle School Math Teacher, to hire Abigail Hintz as JV2 Volleyball Coach, to approve Jacob Wedig as Volunteer Football Coach, and to hire Diane Trimborn as National Honor Society Advisor. Motion Carried.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Hartz (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Malueg (Y), Siewert (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1

Motion Carried

### **Sites**

Dr. Garvey updated the Board on the building projects.

### **One Team One Dream**

The Homecoming Steak Fry is Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11-2 p.m. at Pernat's Brat Hut.

The 2019 Gala will be November 9th, 2019 at the Elks Lodge in Watertown from 4:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a comedian, band, and Lynn Dickey there.

### **New Business**

Motion by Johnson/Malueg to approve the early admittance to 5K request of Ka'Mya Wilson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Johnson/Hartz to approve the National FFA Convention field trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, the FFA 212 and 360 Conference field trip to Wisconsin Dells, and the FFA Half-Time Conference field trip to Steven's Point.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Hartz (Y), Johnson (Y), Kolaske (Absent), Malueg (Y), Siewert (Y), and Wrench (Y).

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1

Motion Carried

Mr. Wrench would like the Johnson Creek School District to sign up with Vigeo X Change. It is similar to a script program. It will be cost the school nothing.

Motion by Siewert/Johnson to change the October 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Board meeting to Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Weis Center. Motion Carried.

Motion by Draeger/Siewert to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart  
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