

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Weis Center

President Richard Wrensch called the meeting to order.

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

Board Members Absent: Janelle Kwarciany

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Neil O'Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Special Education Director Stacy Pustina, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Athletic Director Chad Hayes, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Krista Mahan, Brady Ramsey, Heather Raabe, Sara Wilder, Jean Skogman, Dustin Williams, and Julie Higgins

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

Motion by Hartz/Johnson to move the Busing Request to after Community Viewpoint on the agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Siewert/Hartz to adopt the agenda as posted with moving JV Hockey to after Busing Request which was moved to after Community Viewpoint. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

Heather Raabe spoke about wanting bussing from the school to Crossroads Daycare for summer school and during the 2021-22 school year. She also mentioned that there are currently 7 students in their wrap around care and 18 children that would utilize the bussing during summer school and in the fall. Mrs. Raabe also stated that they are the only licensed daycare center in Johnson Creek.

Dustin Williams spoke about wanting bussing for his daughter from school to Crossroads.

Busing Request

Motion by Hartz/Johnson to continue to provide bussing to Crossroads Daycare during summer school and for the 2021-22 school year and to pass the fee onto Crossroads if Go Riteway would require one. Motion Carried.

Curriculum

Mr. Hayes read a proposal describing an opportunity to offer JV Boys Hockey next year. This proposal has been recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

Sara Wilder and Jean Skogman spoke how they would like a JV Hockey program available for their sons.

Motion by Curriculum Committee/Johnson to approve the JV Hockey program with Kettle Moraine and Oconomowoc during the 2021-22 school year. Motion Carried.

Communications

Administrative Report

Dr. Garvey stated it has been 1 year since the start of the pandemic. He also reported that all of the staff who wish to be vaccinated have had at least the first of two shots. He thanked the staff, administrative team, and complemented the Jefferson County staff.

Mr. Hayes stated winter sports had a good season and they are gearing up for spring sports with an April 19th start date.

Mrs. Krohn stated the Forward Exam and Aspire testing will begin soon.

Mrs. Pustina stated the Pupil Services Team is working with Elementary students on how to work through their problems with words instead of actions.

Mr. O'Connell stated everyone completed the ACT, except for two students. Prom will be on May 1st and will have two courts – a junior and senior court, since the seniors missed out on it last year. Mr. O'Connell mentioned they are working on a face to face concert for band and choir instead of recording concerts.

Mrs. Enger stated Literacy Night and spring conferences were held virtually. Mrs. Enger stated Friends of Our School Butter Braids fundraiser ends tonight.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Johnson thanked Dr. Garvey on his nice letter regarding the one year anniversary of closures due to COVID and the work staff has done. HE also thanked the staff for all they have done throughout the past year.

Mrs. Hartz also thanked Dr. Garvey on his nice letter and to the staff for all they have done throughout the past year.

Mr. Wensch thanked Dr. Garvey for saving our District millions of dollars as a result of the financing work he and the team from Baird have completed.

Mrs. Kolaske reported on the resolutions. Mrs. Kolaske commented on the Nepotism policy and how she does not feel it is interpreted correctly by our District.

Committee Reports

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hartz/Siewert to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 15, 2021. Motion Carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Kolaske/Draeger to approve Accounts Payable checks 238249-238438 in the amount of \$4,124,661.93, wire transfer in the amount of \$743,775.09, Payroll checks 15593-15594 in the amount of \$1,390.35, and Payroll ETF transaction 900945985-900946205 in the amount of \$299,518.70.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

Dr. Garvey shared the financing comparisons. The result of managing the long term debt has saved the District to date \$8,560,564 in debt service costs when comparing actual to pre referendum proposals.

Motion by Kolaske/Draeger to allow the Johnson Creek Board of Education to authorize the Board President, Clerk, and Treasurer to act on behalf of the School District to execute a series of notes with Badger Bank not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate. This authorization is to address short term cash flow deficits which may arise during the 2020-21 school year. The maturity date of any notes shall not extend beyond September 1, 2021.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Personnel

Motion by Hartz/Siewert to hire Middle School Track Coach Lindsey Nelson and High School Assistant Track Coach Benjamin Hail, to approve volunteer Middle School Track Coach Hunter Nelson, to approve volunteer High School Track Coach Hannah Constable, and to approve volunteer High School Softball Coach Roger Kvalheim. Motion Carried.

Sites

Dr. Garvey updated the Board on the sites projects.

Policy (First Reading)

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 150 (School Board Powers and Duties) replacing #8 with the following language – calculate the total base wage increase for collective bargaining if a bargaining unit is certified (consistent with state statutes).

The Board held its first reading of a change to Policy 185.1 (Responsibilities of Board Committees and Appointments) to change the following:

Personnel

A6. Replace “arbitration” with “independent hearing officer”

A7(b) Add: (if a certified bargaining units is in place)

8 remove this duty

Finance

Add #12 Review proposed transportation contracts

Policy

1. Change 3 years to 5 years

New Business

Motion by Kolaske/Hartz to deny the fall 2021 Wisconsin State College Now request for three students to take English I at Madison College due to the course content being comparable to Johnson Creek High School offerings (AP Literature) and to approve the fall 2021 Wisconsin Start College Now request for three students to take the English II at Madison College.

Motion by Hartz/Draeger to approve the Early College Credit Program request for three students to take Intro to Accounting at Madison College in the event that it is not available at Johnson Creek High School during the 2021-22 school year, and to deny the fall 2021 Early College Credit Program request for one student to take Business and Society, World of Arts, Individual and Society, and Global Perspectives due to the course content being comparable to Johnson Creek High School offerings. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hartz/Draeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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