

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 30, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, June Kolaske, Christina Norby, Mark Siewert, Natasha Steenbergen, and Wesley Trapp

Board Members Absent: Ken Johnson

Also present: District Administrator Mark Gruen, Principal Neil O'Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Special Education Director Stacy Pustina, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Student Representative Kiya Imig, Rick Wensch, Paula Constable, Heidi Hartz, Carol O'Neil, and Andrea Badon

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

Motion by Kolaske/Norby to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to amend the September 18, 2023 minutes to clarify the field trip to England and France was approved specifically for late June, to not conflict with graduation or any state sporting tournament play. Motion Carried.

Motion by Norby/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 18, 2023 and Special Board meeting of September 23, 2023. Motion Carried.

There was a Public Hearing on the Early Start Date.

Motion by Kolaske/Norby to give the administrators permission to apply for an early start for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

None

Board Clerk, June Kolaske, administered the oath of office to student representative Kiya Imig.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Draeger/Trapp to approve Accounts Payable checks 244166-244487 in the amount of \$761,098.92, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 15768-15783 in the amount of \$14,105.81, and Payroll ETF transaction 900953028-900953239 in the amount of \$306,326.52.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Absent), Kolaske (Y), Norby (Y), Siewert (Y), Steenbergen (Y), and Trapp (Y).

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Motion by Norby/Draeger to levy upon the taxable property of the Johnson Creek School District the sum of **\$3,666,166** for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools and **\$243,280** to repay non-referendum debt, **\$5,148,293** for the purpose of repaying referendum debt, and **\$400,000** for Community Service Fund, for a total levy of **\$9,457,739**.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Johnson (Absent), Kolaske (Y), Norby (Y), Siewert (Y), Steenbergen (Y), and Trapp (Y).

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion Carried

Personnel

Motion by Steenbergen/Kolaske to accept Katherine Francis and Kayse Lawler’s resignation. Motion Carried.

Motion by Norby/Steenbergen to hire Assistant Wrestling Coach Kenneth Balch, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Jessica Parry, Assistant Boys JV2 Basketball Coach Jesse Long, Paraprofessionals Isabelle Doherty and Wendy Gomez, Food Service Staff Carmon Hudson and Jennifer Rueth, and Van Driver Melissa Cahill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to approve Wendie Poltrock leave request for Thursday, March 21 – Friday, March 22, 2024 leading up to Spring Break.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve updating the job descriptions for Head Coach and Assistant Coach. Motion Carried.

Goals

Mr. Siewert stated that the Board would like to set up school district goals (both academically and professional development) long term goals. The Board will have a retreat and goal setting meeting after the regular Board meeting on Monday, November 20th, 2023.

Communications

Administrative Report

Mr. Gruen mentioned starting the December Board meeting earlier due to an Elementary concert the same night. Mr. Gruen reported that the legislation increased the Johnson Creek portion of the school tax levy by \$531,308 totaling \$1,486,110, this is tax relief, none of it comes to the school. Mr. Gruen also stated Johnson Creek is losing \$796,467 in aid for the 2023-24 school year compared to the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Enger stated Steam Night was greatly attended and 81% of parents attended fall conferences. The Book Fair brought in about \$5,000. Mrs. Enger also attended the Elementary Principal Conference. She congratulated Neil on winning the Chill Cook Off again.

Mrs. Pustina led the AM Professional Development on Friday for Staff Inservice on CPI Nonviolent Crisis intervention Training. She also thanked the Constables and her husband for Sunday Night Adult Volleyball. Mrs. Pustina mentioned she is going to a Special Education conference next week.

Mr. O'Connell stated 125 students attended the Homecoming Dance, largest homecoming dance since he has been here. The fall music concerts were great. Overall, the fall sports were very successful and so was the Boston trip. Mr. O'Connell' mentioned that 1st quarter ends tomorrow.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Kolaske stated the hallways are very welcoming.

Mrs. Steenbergen shared Mark Gruen and her visited Badger Bank and Bobcat to present them with certificates as our 2023 WASB Business Honor Roll recipients. Mrs. Steenbergen stated they wrapped up the most successful Cross Country season yet. She also mentioned 48% of high schoolers participated in fall sports, which is up 25 students over last year. Lastly, at the Johnson Creek Education Foundation meeting they discussed fundraising opportunities for this year, scholarship amounts, recruiting new members, and teacher grant utilization.

Mrs. Norby stated she is attending the State Convention in January.

Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart
District Administrative Assistant