

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 19, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**High School Room 114**

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order.

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

Board Members Absent: Ken Johnson and Richard Wensch

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, Brett Perucco, Dennis Schuh, Albert Keller, George Nimm, Jennifer Tracy, Theresa Kempf, Justin Rageth, Brittanie Rageth, Logan Peot, and Mistie Rodberg

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of July 15, 2024. Motion Carried.

**Community Viewpoint**

Dennis Schuh expressed his disappointment with the Board's decision to defease debt the last two years.

Albert Keller expressed his concern as well.

**Cybersecurity Presentation**

Mr. Perucco gave a Cybersecurity presentation.

**Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Norby/Steenbergen to approve Accounts Payable checks 245988-246126 in the amount of \$250,857.75, no Wire Transfers, Payroll checks 15812-15813 in the amount of \$1,791.99, and Payroll ETF transaction 900955738-900955821 in the amount of \$91,791.80.

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2

Motion Carried

### **Personnel**

Motion by Draeger/Norby to accept Vanessa Yenor's resignation. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to approve Guidance Counselor Kaylene Nicolet and Paraprofessional Katelyn Goulet. Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

Motion by Norby/Steenbergen to approve the Softball field trip to Pigeon Forge, TN in March 2025. Motion Carried.

### **Referendum**

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to approve a resolution authorizing the School District Budget to exceed revenue limit by \$2,500,000 per year for four years for non-recurring purposes.

And

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to approve a resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of the approval of a resolution authorizing the School District Budget to exceed revenue limit by \$2,500,000 per year for four years for non-recurring purposes.

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2

Motion Carried

### **Official Referendum Ballot Question**

Shall the School District of Johnson Creek, Jefferson County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non-recurring purposes to maintain ongoing operational expenses, technology, safety, and educational programming?

### **Communications**

#### **Administrative Report**

Mr. Gruen stated it was a great first day back with staff. The staff has a tailgating event on Thursday before the first home football game. Coming soon will be a celebration regarding the naming rights of the Wendt Family Center.

Mrs. Pustina mentioned she got a \$15,000 grant from the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation for our Sources of Strength Peer Mentoring program.

Mrs. Enger is working on getting the Welcome Back Bluejay Bulletin sent out. Elementary Open House is on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7 p.m.

Mr. O'Connell mentioned they had a successful Admin retreat. He stated 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation is on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8-10 a.m. and MS/HS Back to School Night is on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Board Member Comments

Mrs. Steenbergen mentioned she is continuing to research referendum communication. She enjoyed serving at the back-to-school breakfast this morning.

Mrs. Norby stated she enjoyed serving at the back-to-school breakfast this morning as well.

Kiya Imig is excited to start the new school year.

#### Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart  
District Administrative Assistant