

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.
High School Room 114

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Ken Johnson, Christina Norby, Mark Siewert, and Natasha Steenbergen

Board Members Absent: Wesley Trapp and Richard Wensch

Also present: District Administrator Mark Gruen, Principal Neil O'Connell, Special Education Director Stacy Pustina, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Student Representative Kiya Imig, Dennis Schuh, Jennifer Malueg, Wayne Malueg, Brittanie Rageth, Justin Rageth, Tricia Wagner, Gail Maron, Theresa Kempf, Albert Keller, Jennifer Tracy, Jennifer Stiegman, Heather Raabe, and Shelby Keller

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 16, 2024. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

Dennis Schuh apologized to Duane Draeger for his conduct at the Annual Meeting last month.

Gail Maron asked if the Board members read and received the email she sent on Friday and all present stated "yes".

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Norby/Steenbergen to approve Accounts Payable checks 246284-246498 in the amount of \$583,461.70, no Wire Transfers, Payroll check 15815-15824 in the amount of \$8,628.12, and Payroll ETF transaction 900955889-900956089 in the amount of \$298,473.77.

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2

Motion Carried

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to levy upon the taxable property of the Johnson Creek School District the sum of **\$4,411,369** for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools and **\$286,654** to repay non-referendum debt, **\$1,689,510** for the purpose of repaying referendum debt, and **\$400,000** for Community Service Fund, for a total levy of **\$6,787,533**.

AND

IF the REF passes –

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to levy upon the taxable property of the Johnson Creek School District the sum of **\$6,911,369** for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools and **\$286,654** to repay non-referendum debt, **\$1,689,510** for the purpose of repaying referendum debt, and **\$200,000** for Community Service Fund, for a total levy of **\$9,087,533**.

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2

Motion Carried

Motion by Johnson/Draeger to adopt a resolution to discontinue diverting public tax dollars to fund private school vouchers and to demand the complete transparency of Wisconsin public tax dollars. Motion Carried.

Personnel

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to accept Kelly Gerhartz's Middle School Girls Basketball resignation. Motion Carried.

Motion by Draeger/Steenbergen to approve Middle School Girls Basketball Coach Alayna Clark, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach Scott Heth, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Mark Sindberg, and Timothy Wagner's Volunteer Football Coach Contract. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve the Mentor Job Description as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to increase the School Nurse Contract from 24 hours to 32 hours for the 2024-2025 school year only due to grant money Johnson Creek received. Motion Carried.

New Business

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby to approve the spring 2025 Wisconsin Start College Now request for one student to take a Nursing Assistant course at Madison College. Motion Carried.

Communications

Administrative Report

Mr. Gruen thanked everyone for coming. He also stated Johnson Creek is working very hard on several different grants.

Mrs. Pustina mentioned she has 60 students signed up for the Sources of Strength training on Friday's in-service. Last week, she also attended the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) Conference. Parent-teacher conferences were held last week and this week on Thursday. The Book Fair is up and running. The outdoor classroom is complete and encouraged all teachers to use it.

Mr. O'Connell stated homecoming week was great. He attended the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO) Conference. Mr. O'Connell stated that Johnson Creek High School has been named to the 2024 AP School Honor Roll. Johnson Creek is a Silver member of the Honor Roll. The first football playoff game is on Friday at 7 p.m. at home against Royall.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Draeger stated Mr. Johnson and he went to the Farmington Board meeting to discuss the referendum. He also noted Mr. Gruen and he went to the Concord Board meeting last week to do the same.

Mr. Siewert complimented the High School Boys' Football team on a letter from the Parkview Athletic Director for their good sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Mrs. Steenbergen mentioned she joined the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA). She thanked Jake and Kayla Johnson for all their work on Nickle Night. All the money raised was split between the Johnson Creek Education Foundation and the Booster Club. Lastly, she encouraged everyone to vote.

Mr. Johnson loves hearing all the good news.

Mrs. Norby encourages everyone to get out and vote.

Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Draeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart
District Administrative Assistant