

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.
High School Room 114

President Mark Siewert called the meeting to order. The Board and audience had a moment of silence in recognition of our conference school - Abundant Life – and the tragedy.

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

Board Members Absent:

Also present: District Administrator Mark Gruen, Principal Neil O’Connell, Principal Melissa Enger, Stacy Pustina, Pupil Services Director, Student Representative Kiya Imig, Albert Keller, Justin Rageth, Brittanie Rageth, Andrea Badon, Shelby Keller, Theresa Kempf, and Kevin Horack

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

Motion by Draeger/Wrench to adopt the agenda as posted but moving d,e,f,g into closed session right away. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Draeger/Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of November 13, 2024 and Special Board Meeting of November 26, 2024. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

Shelby Keller made statements about some Facebook postings.

Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Steenbergen/Trapp to approve Accounts Payable checks 246626-246800 in the amount of \$564,343.90, no Wire Transfers, Payroll check 15833-15834 in the amount of \$766.51, and Payroll ETF transaction 900956332-900956568 in the amount of \$346,295.15.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

Personnel

Motion by Recreation Committee/Steenbergen to renew the Recreation Director Position – splitting it into two equal positions and hiring Jenny Tracy for one and Jake Johnson for the other. Also raising the total pay \$200 to \$5200 total. Motion Carried.

Motion by Norby/Steenbergen to approve Middle School Wrestling Coach Nathan Jurgens and Middle School/High School Volunteer Wrestling Coach Leonel Sabala. Motion Carried.

Curriculum

Motion by Curriculum Committee/Steenbergen to change the Middle School grading system to a traditional grading system and print/email report cards at the end of each quarter. Motion Carried.

New Business

Motion by Wensch/Draeger to approve the band overnight trip to Whitewater on January 17th – 18th, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Wensch/Trapp to table the Neola Policy Contract discussion until we can schedule a presentation for the full board. Motion Carried.

Communications

Administrative Report

Mrs. Pustina mentioned – Source of Strength – NHS.

Mrs. Enger talked about a lot of great Holiday pieces at school right now – Penny fund raiser.

Mr. O’Connell stated we have had a lot of tragedy – and also a lot of great things going on.

Mr. Gruen mentioned we have 3 females wrestling and grants totaling over \$280K.

Board Member Comments

All positive comments.

Committee Reports

None

Motion by Steenbergen/Norby for the Board to conduct a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(b)(c) to consider employment, promotion, dismissal, compensation, or performance evaluation data of an individual employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Carried

The Board didn't return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Gruen
District Administrator