

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2010
6:00 P.M.
Elementary Music Room

Call to Order: School Board Vice President, Don Battenberg, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited by those present.

Roll Call of Attendance: Mr. Battenberg, Mr. Draeger, Mr. Kaltenberg, , Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. McCaffery, Mrs. Roehl. President, Jamie Hombsch arrived at 6:04. Absent was Student Representative, Tim Cwirla.

Also Present: District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley, District Secretary Carolyn Anderson, JCEA Representatives Roberta Gray and Ken Johnson, Director of Building & Grounds Dan Fischer, Leonard Enger, Carol O'Neil, Melanii Kolaske, Andrew Swanson, Deb Schluter, Patti Swanson, Jerri Strauss, Morgan Strauss, Dan Grunewald, Patti Swanson and Kaitlyn Shea from Watertown Daily Times. Arriving late was Principal Eric Ranzen.

Verification of Public Notice Pursuant to s.s. 1984 (1) Wis. Statutes: Dr. Garvey verified the meeting was properly posted.

Agenda Revisions/Approval: Moved by McCaffery/Draeger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Community Viewpoint:

Melanii Kolaske questioned where the policy was for parents to give 24 hour notice to visit their child's classroom or special education classroom.

Mr. Enger had three comments. 1 – The Watertown newspaper did not have the agenda posted. Dr. Garvey responded that the Agenda was faxed to the paper. The paper is not required to publish it nor is the District required to pay for it's publication. 2 – Why is it Jefferson was able to pass their referendum and we could not? 3 – The school should come up with an incentive program to gain more residents, perhaps offering them a 50% discount on taxes.

Mrs. Hombsch arrived.

JCEA Representatives

Roberta Gray

Third Grade – digital storytelling

Fourth Grade – Making bird feeders from recycled materials and are going to clean school grounds

First Grade – Getting ready for Mother’s Day program and writing books about their mom

Second Grade – Working with Ms. Schutt planting seeds and caring for them. They are also feeding the worms

Kindergarten – Studying bugs and getting ready for their Mother’s Day spa.

Mrs. Lonsdale and Mrs. Frank did a presentation on protective behaviors to the classrooms.

Students had an assembly and met two Olympians. The students also had a preview of the high school play “Beauty and The Beast”.

Representative from the Premier Bank is visiting classrooms and reading books on saving and budgeting in preparation for the “Teach Children To Save” day which is April 27.

Friday is the Hawaiian Luau.

Ken Johnson

High School students also attended the program with the Olympians. They also had a hypnotist assembly.

Proud of all our students who participated in the play.

Proud of our Forensics team which did very well in Madison on Friday night – winning some gold and silver metals.

Proud of our students involved in the solo/ensemble.

FFA students attended the horse fair in Madison.

Seniors participated in the scholarship interviews.

Superintendent Update

We are working on getting requisitions in and working on the budget. We are also working on moving toward paperless time off requests.

We received word from the State that we will again receive Stabilization Funds.

We have been working with Jim Braunschweig and the Recreation Program. Soccer is going with approximately 95 participants this spring.

This Friday we are starting the process of selecting our General and Vocal Music teacher.

Principal Reports

Kris Blakeley

Teachers are working on class lists for next year. We are also working to establish our theme for next year.

This is National Volunteer week and we are recognizing all the volunteers we have in our building

Wednesday is Administrative Assistant's Day.

Student council is doing "Pennies for Cure" to donate towards cancer research Pizza Hut is sponsoring a pizza party for the classroom that collects the most.

Friday is Hat Day where children bring \$1.00 to school and they can wear a hat for the day. Proceeds go to Children's Hospital in Madison.

Mr. Cecil is putting together a kickball tournament.

Mr. Ranzen has not arrived as of yet.

Buildings & Grounds

Gym foyer has been stripped and waxed. Custodial staff has been busy with the musical and the spring sports.

Board Comments

Don Battenberg

Would like to comment on how well we have progressed during his 3 years on the Board.

June McCaffery

- Applaud Heidi Nimm and cast for a great play.
- We need to do something regarding the time loss and the dollars spent on subs.
- Thank Don and Jamie for their time, dedication and their caring for the Johnson Creek School District children.
- Talked about the referendum

Kellie Loeb

Presented placques to Jamie Hombsch and Don Battenberg thanking them for their service.

Village Liaison

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee

- Talked about creating a new policy re coaching staff purchasing apparel.
- Talked about reducing WRS liability.
- Talked about creating Fund 73
- Reviewed the fees for the 2010-11 school year
- Talked about possible breakfast program

Approval of Minutes

Motion by McCaffery/Battenberg to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of March 8, 2010. Motion passed.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Approval to pay bills

Motion by McCaffery/Roehl to pay accounts payable checks 211948-212210 in the amount of \$517,913.95, there were no wire transfers, payroll checks 13244-13291 in the amount of \$21,850.90 and payroll ETF 900916181 – 900916429 in the amount of \$230,864.66.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion carried

Approve Budget Adjustments

There were no budget adjustments

Personnel

Motion by Battenberg/Kaltenberg to approve a leave request.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – N, Roehl – Y
Yes – 6 No – 1 Motion carried

Motion by Loeb/Battenberg to approve 2010-11 Fall and Winter Extra Duty contracts.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – N, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 6 No – 1 Motion carried

Motion by Personnel Committee/Loeb to approve Administrative/Supervisory contracts.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – N, Roehl – Y
Yes – 6 No – 1 Motion carried

Sites and Facilities

Motion by Sites and Facilities Committee/Battenberg to lease 56 acres of farm land to MaryAnn Nielson for 1 year under the same terms as the 2009-10 lease.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion carried

Curriculum Committee

Working very hard on our curriculum. Jim Martin attended the March meeting regarding summer school. We have added classes for our high school students to our summer school. We talked about ELL services. Physical Education staff talked to the Curriculum Committee. They would like to add a climbing wall in the Elementary School. Mr. Ranzen reported on class scheduling for next year. At our April meeting, we discussed MATC offering Sociology and Psychology in our school as a college credit. Science presented their curriculum to the Committee. The Committee looked at different student assessments. Mrs. Blakeley reported on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports). We currently have several programs in place. We are currently working on four grants.

(Mr. Battenberg left for another meeting.)

Mrs. Loeb talked about the Equestrian Team and reported that the Curriculum Committee recommends that the District recognizes a school Equestrian Team. Motion made by Curriculum Committee/McCaffery to approve recognition of a school Equestrian Team as a club.

Roll call: Battenberg – ab, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – N, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
Yes – 6 No – 1 Absent – 1 Motion carried

Principal Report

Eric Ranzen

- The Valedictorian and Salutatorian dinner is coming up.
- Commend High School Forensics for the gold, silver and bronze metals they won at the State Forensics meet.
- A presentation of Mary Todd Lincoln was here
- JC Parents sponsored the Hypnotist program
- Students attended the Olympian's program
- Mrs. Heckel took students to the Science Olympiad in Madison

- The play “Beauty and The Beast” was fantastic.
- Mrs. Kaukl took a team to the Academic Bowl and many students placed.
- Scholarship interviews were held last week.
- Mr. Perucco had two students competing at State for the FBLA
- Ms. Schutt had a large group at the horse show in Madison.

Old Business

Mr. Garvey officially expressed how pleased he was regarding the progress we have made regarding the referendum. He would like the Board to discuss where we go from here at the Reorganization Meeting.

New Business

Kellie Loeb announced the Election results and then administered the Oath of Office to Carol O’Neil and Andrew Swanson.

The Reorganization Meeting was set for Tuesday, April 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Loeb/Kaltenberg to approve FFA overnight field trip to the State Coop Conference.

Roll call: Battenberg – ab, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
 McCaffery – N, Roehl – Y
 Yes – 6 No – 1 Absent – 1 Motion carried

Motion by McCaffery/Roehl to approve Senior class overnight field trip.

Roll call: Battenberg – ab, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
 McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
 Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried

Motion by Roehl/McCaffery to go into Closed Session: The School Board of the School District of Johnson Creek will now consider a Motion on whether or not to conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c) and if the said Motion is adopted, then to hold a Closed Session immediately after approval of the said Motion, to discuss the annual performance review of the District Administrator.

Roll call: Battenberg – Absent, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,
 McCaffery – Y, Roehl – Y
 Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent - 1 Motion carried

The Board returned to Open Session.

Motion by Kaltenberg/Draeger to adjourn. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carolyn J. Anderson,
Administrative Assistant