

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, March 8, 2010  
6:00 p.m.  
Elementary Music Room

**Call to Order:** School Board President, Jamie Hombsch, 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, Mrs. Hombsch, Mr. Kaltenberg, Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. McCaffery, Mrs. Roehl. Absent was Student Representative, Tim Cwirla

**Also Present:** District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley, Principal Eric Ranzen, District Secretary Carolyn Anderson, JCEA Representatives Roberta Gray and Ken Johnson, Director of Building & Grounds Dan Fischer, JCESA Representative Charissa Sloviak, C.J. O’Neil, Leonard Enger, Cynthia Hirsch, Andrew Swanson, and Pete Zehren. Arriving late was Kaitlyn Shea from Watertown Daily Times.

**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/Battenberg to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**Community Viewpoint:**

Mrs. Hirsch talked about positive behavior intervention and support and handed out information to the School Board.

Mr. Enger talked about enrollment and also handed out a sheet to the School Board. Mrs. Hombsch reminded him that enrollment was only one piece of the puzzle and there were many reasons why the Board decided to initiate the referendum. Mr. Enger believes we should go door to door or make phone calls to residents regarding the referendum. Mrs. Hombsch said that he should talk to the “yes” group about doing that.

**Communications:**

**A. J.C.E.A. Representatives**

Roberta Gray

- Grade 4 finished their eco systems. They also had a “no books” day.

- Jr. Achievement representative is coming to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms once a week to talk with children about money and how to save money.
- FFA brought animals to the Elementary. They talked to kids about the care of animals and the students could listen to the lamb's heart beat. The high school kids did a great job.
- The elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading books, making green eggs and ham, and other activities.
- Student led conferences were held.
- People from the Watertown Hospital are coming to present a program about poison prevention
- Wheelchair athletes from Whitewater are coming to our school to play basketball

#### Ken Johnson

- Parent/teacher conferences were very successful
- Scheduling is pretty much completed
- Seniors working on scholarships
- Budgets are all in for next school year
- Solo Ensemble had a very successful Saturday
- Proud of our wrestlers, especially the three that went to state
- Boy's Basketball is done and Girl's Basketball starts tournament

#### **B. J.C.E.S.A. Representative to the Board**

Charissa Sloviak reported they conducted Kindergarten and K4 screening. Thank you to Wendy Belongia and Karyn Pellatt for an outstanding job with all their help.

#### **C. Student Council Representative Report**

No report

#### **D. Superintendent Update**

- Budget requests were due on March 3
- Working on referendum materials and all the behind scenes work regarding postings, publicity, etc.
- As a parent, the third graders African festival was very nice
- Also as a parent, the student led conferences went very well and were very successful
- Curriculum meeting and Sites meeting are scheduled for this Wednesday. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Personnel and Finance meetings are planned

#### **E. Principal Reports**

##### Kris Blakeley

- We have gone from "snow fun" to "mud fun"

- Recognizing all those who participated in screening. We screened 54 K4 students, 2 K5 students and 3 EC students.
- Dr. Andy Linklater is training his dog to be a therapy dog and would like to bring his dog into school so that kids can read to the dog.
- Science committee is working on curriculum
- Teachers had a training last week on literacy skills
- Math counts is continuing with a different theme each month
- Parent surveys indicated student led conferences went well

#### Eric Ranzen

- Winterfest activities were held. Special thank you to J.C. parents for their financial help
- Students attended Gifted and Talented conference in Whitewater
- Week of February 23 was FFA week with daily noon activities and staff breakfast on Friday
- Spanish students attended Folklore Urbano
- High School Forensics team is moving on
- Recognized students of the month
- Solo Ensemble was held at Deerfield on Saturday
- Scheduling is well on its way and is ahead of schedule
- State test results are in and went out with report cards
- April 21<sup>st</sup> is the day of the scholarship interviews for seniors
- Senior Awards assembly the week before graduation
- Softball team is fired up about their trip to Florida
- Compliment Kayla Wright and Julie Gross for their work on the website

#### **F. Director of Building and Grounds**

- All moved into the greenhouse
- Light switches have been installed in the gym

#### **G. Board Member Comments**

##### Kellie Loeb

Parent/teacher conference with Merry Frank was a wonderful experience. Would like to thank Eric for all the time he has put in with Club Volleyball. Stacy Draeger did a wonderful job coaching for us for two years.

##### June McCaffery

Would like to thank for whoever is in charge for putting all the pictures in the Watertown Daily Times. Would like someone to have contact with student reps to have them involved in School Board meetings.

Rick Kaltenberg

The African presentation was very nice and the students were all very proud. Very nice how Art and Music tie into the curriculum as well.

## **H. Board Committee Reports**

Village Liaison - No report.

Recreation Committee – Tina Roehl reported James Braunschweig is the new Recreation Director. He is working on after summer school activities. Jamie Hombsch would like the idea of a community chess tournament to be passed to Jim Braunschweig.

Curriculum Committee – There will be a meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Loeb/Roehl to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of February 15, 2010, and the Special Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2010. Motion carried.

## **Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report**

### Approval to pay bills

Motion by McCaffery/Loeb to pay accounts payable checks 211723 – 211947 in the amount of \$317,602.08, there were no wire transfers, payroll checks 13210 – 13244 in the amount of \$22,051.21 and payroll ETF 900915983 – 900916180 in the amount of \$226,410.66

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 Loeb/Battenberg to accept the retirement of Theresa Kaukl We wish her well and thank her for her many years of service.

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

Motion by Roehl/Draeger to hire Mrs. Heckel as the Jr. High Track Coach

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

Motion by Battenberg/Kaltenberg to accept extra duty contracts for 2010/11 school year as presented.

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

Motion by Loeb/Battenberg to grant request of one day as unpaid leave for Mr. Brown.

Roll call: Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – N, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,  
McCaffery – N, Roehl - N  
Yes – 4                      No – 3                      Motion carried

### **Referendum Update**

Dr. Garvey gave updates regarding the referendum. He indicated several mailings have gone out with the latest today. The two informational meetings are set for 3/15 and 3/22 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School gym. The office is working on all the legal notices and the ballot information.

### **Music In Our Schools Month Proclamation**

Mr. Battenberg read the proclamation. Motion by Roehl/Kaltenberg to accept the Music In Our Schools Month proclamation. Motion carried

### **66.03 Agreement with Jefferson School District**

After much discussion, motion by Loeb/Battenberg to accept the 66.03 agreement with Jefferson School District.

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

## **Summer Swimming Program Agreement**

Motion by Loeb/Roehl to accept the summer swimming program agreement with Jefferson School District

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

## **Overnight Field Trip**

Motion by Battenberg/Roehl to approve the overnight field trip for FFA to Stevens Point. Motion carried

## **Fall 2010 Youth Options Requests**

Dr. Garvey informed the Board that he is checking into having Madison College come to our school to hold a Psychology and/or Sociology class. If that would turn out to be feasible, he would recommend that we offer that class here rather than approving Youth Options for those classes. Mrs. Hombsch is worried that scheduling would be a conflict.

Motion by Loeb/Draeger to approve the Youth Options requests with the stipulation of providing Psychology and/or Sociology at our school instead if we offered it here.

Roll call:        Battenberg – Y, Draeger – Y, Hombsch – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y,  
                      McCaffery – N, Roehl - abstained  
                      Yes – 5                No – 1                Abstain – 1                Motion carried

## **Open Enrollment Requests**

Motion by Battenberg/Roehl to approve open enrollment IN students 1-21 and 23-27 and to deny student 22 and approve 25 open enrollment OUT applications with student 20 having conditional approval pending the receipt of a cost estimate from Lake Mills.

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

## **Adjourn**

Motion by Loeb/McCaffery to adjourn. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Carolyn Anderson  
Administrative Assistant