

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 17th, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

Call to Order: Vice President Rick Kaltenberg 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. Kaltenberg, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. McCaffery, Mrs. Loeb, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Draeger

Member Absent: Tina Roehl

Also present: Superintendent Michael P. Garvey, Ph.D., Principals Kris Blakeley and Eric Ranzen, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, School Board Administrative Assistant Carolyn Anderson, Building and Grounds Director Dan Fischer, Dale Kale, Kimberly Miller, Paula Constable, Patti Swanson, and Jeff Constable

Verification of Public Notice Pursuant to s. 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes: Dr. Garvey verified the meeting was properly posted.

Agenda Revisions/Approval: Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Community Viewpoint

Paula Constable addressed the School Board regarding the School Referendum. She wanted to publicly thank the Administration, Board, and community members who promoted the referendum for all their hard work. Mrs. Constable also urged the Board of Education to move forward with another Referendum and stated she would like to help rally community members. She encouraged the Board to prepare a list of all options with prices/numbers associated and work hard to dispel the misinformation about costs.

Communications

- A. JCEA Representative –
Ken Johnson reported working on senior scholarships. Prom is coming up and organization is pretty much complete. Spring sports have been a disaster because of the weather. We are 2 weeks into the 4th quarter.
- B. JCESA Representative –
Charissa Sloviak wished Nancy Doherty well in her recovery, thanked two substitutes for a wonderful job in the paraprofessional roll, and welcomed our custodian Terry Helman back.
- C. Superintendent – Dr. Garvey reported doing a lot of work on hiring. Interviews for Instrumental Music will be on Friday. The screening group is narrowing down the

number of applicants for High School/Middle School Principal. Interviews are set up for our Elementary position and our Special Education position. We are in the process of posting our English position.

D. Principals

Kris Blakeley – Mrs. Blakeley reported a team of 8 staff went to the Significant Learning Disabilities training. Report cards went out on line last Friday. Earth week is coming up. We will have an assembly on Monday regarding recycling with a representative from Loeb-Lorman Metals. The classes are having an aluminum collection contest and all the money will go to Special Olympics. Students are doing lessons on recycling and the classes have designated areas to do community clean-up. Student council is sponsoring Special Olympics. Art and Music night will be coming up. Map testing will start the first week in May. Premier Bank has come and talked to students. UW Health have been coming in and talking to students on various health issues. Our track and field day is scheduled for UW Whitewater on May 29th. Jump Rope for Heart and raised over \$2,000.

Eric Ranzen - Mr. Ranzen sends “kudos” out to Mrs. Nimm. During spring break, she took a large group to Florida. The Spring Musical was very well attended and it was an excellent performance. We had students attend the Skills USA competition. The DAR luncheon was held last week where we honored Jessica Cwirla, our DAR winner. Kiana Sloviak was at the State FBLA where she placed 3rd. The Trailways academic banquet was held this week. The valedictorians and salutatorians are honored at this banquet. Scholarship interviews are this week with Awards Day on May 31st. Vet Science will attend the horse show this week.

- E. Director of Teaching and Learning - Lisa Krohn reported that we currently have 3 classrooms up and running with Chrome Books. We are collecting data to improve on meeting student needs.
- F. Director of Buildings & Grounds – Dan Fischer reported the security entrance at the Elementary School is all finished.

Board Member Comments

Abby Krueger – reported plans for prom and post prom are pretty much completed.

C.J. O’Neil – reported a wonderful trip with Mrs. Collar to Spain.

Andy Swanson – complimented Mr. Probst on his boot camp. He is glad to serve on the Board for another term. He wants to make sure that community members have their questions answered. He wants people to know the facts and feels that Board member opinions should not be misconstrued as facts. Any information given to the media or community should be given as facts unless clearly stated as personal opinions.

June McCaffery – commented on the outstanding play. Mrs. McCaffery commented on Mrs. Nimm’s wonderful job and that she will be deeply missed. Mrs. McCaffery thanked Paul Ganser

for his commitment to our students as Girls' Basketball Coach. Mrs. McCaffery gave the sub pay amount.

Duane Draeger – The Board makes a lot of decisions and have many opinions. Once the Board makes a decision, the whole Board should support that decision – good, bad, or indifferent.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Report - The Curriculum Committee has been working on a few proposals which will require some policy changes. The Committee will be recommending moving away from salutatorian and valedictorian designation and adopting the Laude system where more students can be recognized. The Committee has requested administration and staff to increase strengths in offerings. A new course offerings book will be coming out. The Committee has endorsed adding a student portfolio for seniors to include their academic work and career plans and also a community services piece.

Recreation Report – Ken Walters is doing a nice job. The Rec program will be sponsoring the Johnson Creek Baseball this summer. The Legion team has joined as an affiliate member. The softball program has been restarted. Mr. Glover and the Pine Cone have agreed to buy all uniforms we need. Johnson Creek Youth Football will be an affiliate member starting this fall. Adult softball will be started soon and we hope to see adult volleyball return.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 20, 2013.

Motion by O'Neil/Swanson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of March 20, 2013. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report:

Approval to pay bills

Motion by McCaffery/Loeb to pay accounts payable checks #219544 - #219692, excluding #219585 in the amount of \$467,803.64 and payroll checks #14384 - #14400 in the amount of \$8,247.29, there were no wire transfers, and payroll ETF #900923980 - 900924203 in the amount of \$228,744.65.

Roll call vote: Draeger – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, O'Neil – Y,
Swanson – Y, Roehl – absent

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent - 1 Motion carried

Motion by McCaffery /Swanson to pay WEA /Retirement check #219585 in the amount of \$10,949.25.

Roll call vote: Draeger – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, O'Neil – abstained,
Swanson – Y, Roehl – absent

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 1 Abstained – 1 Motion carried

There were no budget adjustments.

Certification of the School Board Candidates

Kellie Loeb administered the oath of office to Carol O'Neil and Andrew Swanson as the elected Board members this spring.

Legislative /Policy Update

Dr. Garvey gave a legislative/policy update focusing on the Governor's Budget proposal

Personnel Committee

Motion by McCaffery/O'Neil to approve the following retirements with early retirement benefits as outlined in the handbook: Heidi Nimm, Ken Johnson, Kay Dries, and Steve Brockert.

Roll call vote: Draeger – Y, Kaltenberg – Y, Loeb – Y, McCaffery – Y, O'Neil – Y,
Swanson – Y, Roehl – absent

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent - 1 Motion carried

New Business

Motion by Loeb/O'Neil to approve the revised out of state field trip as proposed by Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Collar. Voice vote taken – motion carried.

Motion by Loeb/O'Neil to approve the overnight field trip for FFA students to attend the State FFA convention in Madison with a District approved chaperone to transport students not staying overnight. Voice vote taken – motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by O'Neil/Draeger. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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