

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

Vice President Rick Kaltenberg called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Rick Kaltenberg, Duane Draeger, Carol O'Neil, June McCaffery and Kellie Loeb.

Members Absent: Tina Roehl, Andrew Swanson, and Student Representative Abby Krueger

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principals Cale Vogel and Kristine Blakeley, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Buildings and Grounds Director Dan Fischer, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Anderson, newspaper reporter Ben Lippert, Jeff and Paula Constable, Tim Semo and Mark Siewert

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted Pursuant to § 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes

Motion by Draeger/O'Neil to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion Carried

Community Viewpoint

Jeff Constable thanked Mrs. Blakeley and Mr. Vogel for their great presentation on what is happening in our schools to the town board of Farmington.

Paula Constable thanked everyone involved for the many communications going out to our community regarding what is happening in our schools.

Communications

Superintendent Update – Dr. Garvey presented information to the Board about the 180 day rule and the instructional minutes rule. He also shared his concerns about the AB617 SSA 1 and SB 619 which would appoint a commission to determine state academic standards with the ultimate say given to the Joint Legislative Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.

Principal Reports

Mrs. Blakeley – Mrs. Blakeley also presented the Board with a written report of happenings in the Elementary. The students are very happy to go outside for recess now that the weather has warmed up a little. Student led parent conferences are coming up. 4K screening and Child Find is this Friday. Family Fun Night is scheduled for February 28th. The Elementary was chosen to showcase the STEP (Student Tools for Emergency Management) program. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and Representative Kleefisch will be at school on March 19th. We will be featured on local television stations and newspapers for our efforts.

Mr. Vogel – Mr. Vogel gave the Board a copy of the Blue Jay Update. Mr. Vogel thanked the Booster Club for the purchase of an ice machine. Explore/Plan testing is going on this week. Middle School trip is next Tuesday. Wrestling this weekend with 5 wrestlers participating in sectionals. Girls Basketball did an autism awareness night. High School forensics is next Monday being held in our school. Spring sports are fast approaching. HS/MS Solo Ensemble at Deerfield on March 1st, 5-12 Choir Concert on March 11th, 5-12 Band Concert on March 18th, and Winter Awards for sports on March 13th. Mr. Vogel also talked about PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) which is being set up by staff members.

Director of Teaching and Learning – Lisa Krohn reported meeting with teachers regarding data received from testing. Lisa Krohn presented the Board with a copy of the Course Description Handbook for next school year.

Director of Buildings and Grounds – Dan Fischer reported that it snows every other day. He hopes the scoreboard has been fixed.

Board Member Comments:

June McCaffery commented she feels “the governor and the legislature need to leave schools to people who know schools and worry about jobs that they can’t adequately do anyways.”

Carol O’Neil agreed with Mrs. McCaffery’s comment and also appreciates the Daily Union and the Watertown Daily Times printing all the articles about the students at Johnson Creek. Mrs. O’Neil also thanked the 4 Our Kids group for everything they are doing. Mrs. O’Neil also thanked the administration for getting all the great communication pieces out.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O’Neil/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 15, 2014. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report

Motion by McCaffery/Draeger to approve Accounts Payable checks 221398 – 221672, excluding check #221546, in the amount of \$443,789.31, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 14623 - 14641 in the amount of \$8,456.98 and Payroll ETF transactions 900926117 – 900926334 in the amount of \$219,699.59.

Roll Call vote: Kaltenberg (Y), O’Neil (Y), Swanson (absent), McCaffery (Y), Loeb (Y), Draeger (Y) and Roehl (absent).

Yes - 5 No – 0 Absent - 2 Motion Carried

Motion by McCaffery/Draeger to approve WEA Retirement check #221546 in the amount of \$15,316.24.

Roll Call vote: Kaltenberg (Y), O’Neil (Abstained), Swanson (absent), McCaffery (Y), Loeb (Y), Draeger (Y) and Roehl (absent).

Yes - 4 No – 0 Absent – 2 Abstained - 1 Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

Policy Committee

Carol O’Neil brought three policies to the Board for first reading from the Policy and Curriculum Committees. Updated Policy 363 (Use of Computer Networks and District Technology Resources), new Policy 522.7 (Employee Use of Computer and Internet Resources), and updated Policy 345.6 (Graduation Requirements).

2013-2014 Calendar Changes

Dr. Garvey proposed to the Board to have school on March 10th with Early Release at 11:30 and parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon and evening as the first make up day. Monday, April 14, would be the second make-up day which is during Spring Break. Additional days missed will be made up on April 15, 16, 17 respectively. Dr. Garvey also informed the Board that we have been approached by a family to change the date of graduation. Motion by Kaltenberg/O’Neil to leave the graduation date as is and to accept the proposal for make-up days. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

2014-2015 Calendar

Motion by McCaffery/Loeb to re-open last motion regarding graduation dates and make-up days. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Loeb/O’Neil to accept the 2013-14 calendar make up days as presented by Dr. Garvey. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Motion by McCaffery/Loeb to change the graduation date to Sunday, June 8th, 2014, at 2:00 pm for the 2013/14 school year. There was a lot of discussion.

Roll Call vote: Kaltenberg (N), O’Neil (Y), Swanson (absent), McCaffery (Y), Loeb (Y), Draeger (N) and Roehl (absent).

Yes - 3 No – 2 Absent – 2 Motion Carried

Motion by O’Neil/Loeb to accept the 2014/15 calendar and set the date of Graduation to Sunday, June 7th, 2015. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. McCaffery left.

Referendum Update

Dr. Garvey talked about the printed display boards we have that we can post out in the community. March 18th, the Senior Circle is invited for a luncheon. Dr. Garvey is meeting individually with Village Board members. There is an informational night on March 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School/High School gym. We have a special edition of the school newspaper, the JAY, which should be in households on Friday. There are two postcards to be mailed at later dates ready to go.

Curriculum

2014/15 Course Offerings – Mrs. Krohn went over some of the data listed in the Course Description Handbook and she presented a packet showing what credits need to be taken and what courses are

available to reach those credits. It shows pathways for each class. It also outlines prerequisites for AP classes. AP classes will have a required Summer component with a placement test given during the first week of classes.

Motion by Curriculum Committee/O'Neil to accept the 2014/15 course offerings and AP prerequisites. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to accept the resignation of Administrative Assistant Carolyn Anderson with regrets and to waive any liquidated damages. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Mr. Kaltenberg thanked Carolyn for her 31 years of service to the District.

New Business

Motion by Loeb/Draeger to approve the out of state trip to Chicago for the Blue Man Group presentation. This is an experience for students to see a large musical production. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Dr. Garvey presented Kellie Loeb with her Level I, Level II, and Level III pins for recognition Awards from the WASB recognizing her involvement and Board Member development.

Closed Session

Motion by Draeger/O'Neil for the Board to consider a Motion on whether or not to conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c)(f) and if the said Motion is adopted, then to hold a Closed Session immediately after approval of the said Motion for the purpose of a preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems.

Roll Call vote: Kaltenberg (Y), O'Neil (Y), Swanson (absent), McCaffery (absent), Loeb (Y), Draeger (Y) and Roehl (absent).

Yes - 4

No – 0

Absent – 3

Motion Carried

The Board did not return to open session.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carolyn J. Anderson
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