

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 15, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Elementary Music Room**

President Kellie Loeb called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Rick Kaltenberg, June McCaffery, Carol O'Neil, Andrew Swanson, Richard Wensch, and Kellie Loeb

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Cale Vogel, Principal Kris Blakeley, Buildings and Ground Director Dan Fischer, and Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart.

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**

None

**Communications**

**Superintendent Update**

Dr. Garvey stated that the welcome back issue of the *Jay* was sent out last week containing a letter from Kellie Loeb and Rick Kaltenberg explaining where the school is at with the construction process. He also sent the letter to the two local newspapers as a press release.

Dr. Garvey mentioned that the soil results came back and they are being reviewed. A new soil boring company was on-site last week and once those results are received the design can proceed and the evacuators can re-bid the project. Those bids will be due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Garvey also said dome builder proposals are due this Thursday with a possibility of interviewing them next week. A Special Board meeting will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. to review the revised construction budget numbers. On the financial side, Dr. Garvey handed out the draft of the annual meeting booklet including the 2014-15 budget to the board members.

Dr. Garvey indicated that it has been an outstanding and smooth start to the school year. He thanked the staff and the administrative teams for making that happen. He also thanked Kellie Loeb for hosting the Board/Administrative retreat.

**Principal Reports**

Mrs. Blakeley mentioned that the Elementary is off to a great staff. Every year she picks a Principals Advisory Committee where students are nominated by teachers based on their leadership skills and then they work with Mrs. Blakeley on different projects. The students on the Committee are Hannah Budig, Isabelle Doherty, Isaac Hartz, Denalyn Siewert, Alexis Swanson, Thomas Naatz, and Jacob Constable. Their first project is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual School Board Food Drive and their goal is to collect 1,500 items for

the Johnson Creek Food Pantry. Mrs. Blakeley stated the Student Council is forming and will work to set up homecoming activities for the Elementary.

PALS testing has started in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 4K and 5K will be in a few weeks. In addition, kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> grade is implanting new reading/math rotations and new curriculum changes in 4K/5K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Mrs. Blakeley indicated staff had in-service on writing Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) and that the administration continues to support them in the new Teacher Effectiveness System. She also mentioned that during the Special Ed Paraprofessional meeting on Wednesday they will be trained on the Learn Pads, which were obtained through a special grant last spring.

Mr. Vogel stated that the start of school is going very well as well. The Middle School/High School kicked off the school year with an all school assembly and guest speaker Jeff Messer who talked about team work and positive attitude.

Mr. Vogel mentioned that homecoming week is September 22-27<sup>th</sup> with a Decades theme. Seniors – 1920's, juniors – 1980's, sophomores – 1960's, and freshman – 1970's. The only change with homecoming this year is that they are eliminating some of the games at lunch. They have a half day on Thursday to work on the halls and floats. The parade is on Thursday, homecoming game on Friday, and dance is on Saturday.

The Middle School/High School implemented a new system - The Blue Jay Way – PBIS system - Be Prepared, Be Engaged, and Be Respectful. Motivation behind this is to spend less time on correcting bad behavior and more time on instruction. Through this program, Blue Jay Bucks are awarded for positive behavior and they can be used for weekly/monthly raffles. Middle School is going to be making videos to apply these topics and how it conveys the message.

Next, Mr. Vogel indicated that the varsity fall athletic teams are doing community service. Volleyball – elementary literacy, Football – department of transportation highway clean up/elementary reading buddies, and Cross Country – volunteering at the Run for the Fields by organizing the 1K kid's race.

Mr. Vogel also stated that MAPP testing starts at the end of September and Aspire testing starts in October. Run for the Fields event is on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Community Center, along with the pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Fischer stated that they got off to a great year; in fact, this is the smoothest start he has had in his 8 years here so far. He also mentioned the football field is in good shape and the finishes on the gym floor are done.

#### Board Member Comments:

Mrs. McCaffery recognized Shane Brown, who is a 2002 Johnson Creek graduate who lives and works in Watertown on the accomplishment of completing the Iron Man challenge in 12 hours and 44 minutes that was held two weeks ago in Madison.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Neil/Swanson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 21, 2014 and the Special Board meeting of August 28, 2014. Motion Carried.

**Business Affairs/Treasurer’s Report**

Motion by Swanson/Draeger to approve Accounts Payable checks 222924-223058, excluding check #222941, in the amount of \$276,708.66, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 14755-14762 in the amount of \$6,443.53 and Payroll ETF transactions 900927845-900927924 in the amount of \$73,614.34.

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

Yes - 7            No – 0            Absent - 0            Motion Carried

Motion by Swanson/Wensch to approve WEA Retirement check #222941 in the amount of \$15,316.24.

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

Yes - 6            No – 0            Absent – 0            Abstained - 1            Motion Carried

Dr. Garvey reviewed the 2014-15 Budget. It has been posted in the newspaper and a hard copy is available in the District Office. He will present the budget in detail at the Budget Hearing next week.

There were no budget adjustments.

Motion by Wensch/Draeger to approve the activity account for the Class of 2018. Motion Carried.

Dr. Garvey announced the Annual Budget Hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. with the Annual Meeting to follow at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 in the Music Room of the Elementary School.

**Personnel**

Motion by McCaffery/Kaltenberg to approve the hiring of Girls Assistant Volleyball Coach Lyndsi Braunschweig and Middle School Girls Basketball Coach Kelly Thomsen. Motion Carried.

**Policies**

The Board held its first hearing to change policies 443.3, 522.2, and 831 to include the following non exhaustive list as part of the policy.

Tobacco/Smoking products include but not limited to:

- Smoking materials (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.)
- Non smoke tobacco products (chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.)
- Electronic vapor smoking devices (e-cigarettes, vapor pipes, etc.)

The Board decided to wait until the new school is built to change anything with the Blue Jay Pass (Open Campus).

**New Business**

Motion by O’Neil/Swanson to approve the 360 and 212 leadership conferences field trip to Green Bay and the Half Time Conference field trip to Steven’s Point. Motion Carried.

The WASB Region 12 meeting is Tuesday, October 28 in Madison. We do have an election this year for our Region 12 director. Nominations are due by September 18, 2014.

**Athletic Facilities Committee**

Mr. Wrench mentioned that they had an Athletic Facilities meeting tonight and they started to look at marketing companies. The Committee will meet with at least two marketing companies on October 1, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

The Committee reported that renderings of the athletic fields will begin to develop.

**Meeting dates**

The Board has scheduled two meetings in October. The Board will meet on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 6 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting and Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6 p.m. for its regular Board Meeting. There will not be a meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Wrench/Swanson to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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