

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 19, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Elementary Music Room**

Superintendent Michael Garvey called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Rick Kaltenberg, Carol O'Neil, Andrew Swanson, Richard Wensch, June McCaffery, and Student Representative Brad Pitzner

Board Members Absent: Kellie Loeb

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

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

Motion by Wensch/McCaffery to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

**Community Viewpoint**

None

**Communications**

Superintendent Update

Dr. Garvey stated that it sure has been a busy month with the elementary kitchen fire, but should be fully functional for tomorrow's lunch. Dr. Garvey mentioned that the Recreation Committee met this past month and is soliciting names of individuals who may be interested in serving in a non-voting position of the Recreation Committee. He also talked about AB-1 and the related Senate Bill addressing school accountability.

Principal Reports

Mrs. Blakeley thanked the companies and the custodial staff for all the cleaning and getting the kitchen up and running. She stated that Jump Rope for Heart will be starting next week. Mr. Probst will take a pie in the face if a student raises \$50 and Mrs. Blakeley will if \$150 is raised. Third grade is doing a Flat Stanley project and Mrs. Braunschweig and Mrs. Edington were mentioned in the Wisconsin Arts Council for the elementary Christmas project.

Mrs. Blakeley indicated a number of upcoming events: end of second quarter (1/23), Ronald McDonald visit (1/23), swimming trip to Country Springs (2/13), Skate Express trip (2/20), 4K screening (2/20), and Family Fun Night in February.

Mr. Vogel mentioned that they finished MAP testing last week and final exams are later this week. He also stated that tomorrow night is Autism awareness night for girls' basketball, there is a middle school dance on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a financial aid meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Fischer stated that the MS/HS gym floor was refinished on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. O'Neil mentioned that she went to a meeting today with a lot of discussion on AB-1 and the related Senate Bill. She also stated that there was an article on student testing "Deciding When Enough is Enough" in the Watertown Daily times tonight.

Brad Pitzner stated that he likes how the high school has designated exam hours and days this year.

Rick Kaltenberg thanked Dr. Garvey and Mr. Fischer for all their hard work over break with the elementary kitchen fire restoration.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Neil/Draeger to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 15, 2014.  
Motion Carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Swanson/Wrensch to approve Accounts Payable checks 223726-223951, excluding check #223855, in the amount of \$778,738.73, no wire transfers, Payroll checks 14814-14820 in the amount of \$2,491.21 and Payroll ETF transactions 900928617-900928851 in the amount of \$250,623.76.

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

Yes - 6            No - 0            Absent - 1            Motion Carried

Motion by Swanson/Draeger to approve WEA Retirement check #223855 in the amount of \$15,316.24.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Kaltenberg (Y), McCaffery (Y), O'Neil (Abstained), Swanson (Y), Wrensch (Y) and Loeb (Absent).

Yes - 5            No - 0            Absent - 1            Abstained - 1            Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

Dr. Garvey updated the Board that Kellie and CJ executed the purchasing of the Bonds and Notes for the remaining \$8.9 Million. He said rates were favorable (less than we anticipated) which allowed us to put more principal in the long term notes. The closing will be in March. We will be able to levy the 2.49 mil rate and build the fund balance slightly so that when the call date comes on the short term notes, we will not have to borrow as much. That will reduce the long term cost of the borrowing even more.

## **New Business**

### **WASB Resolutions**

The School Board went over the 17 proposed WASB resolutions with Dr. Garvey explaining each one. The Board gave Mrs. McCaffery guidance as to how they would like to see her vote for these resolutions as the Board's delegate to the Annual WASB Delegate Assembly later this week.

Mr. Swanson left at 6:55 p.m.

### **Conference Realignment**

Mr. Vogel told the Board that he thinks we should stay where we are at and not leave the Trailways Conference for the time being.

### **Open Enrollment Cap**

Motion by Wrench/McCaffery to set the open enrollment limits for the 2015/16 School Year at:

- No space limits will be placed upon regular education applicants.
- The following spaces are available in the respective special education programs:
  - EBD program – no spaces available
  - CD program - 2 spaces available
  - LD program – 2 spaces available
  - SDD – 3 spaces available
  - Speech and Language – 4 spaces available

The available spaces are based upon a level 1 service designation of a child's disability. Consequently, it is understood that an accepted open enrollment applicant may fill more than one of the open spaces based upon the distinct individual needs as listed in the child's IEP thus reducing the number of applicants accepted. It is also understood that in the case of student with disabilities, that the District may deny open enrollment based upon other factors than lack of space, including the inability to meet the needs outlined in the child's IEP.

Motion carried.

## **Personnel**

Motion by McCaffery/Wrench to approve hiring assistant softball coach Doug Neumann. Motion Carried.

## **Policy**

The Board held its second reading of a change to policy 425 (Open Enrollment Program) which makes some adjustments to the policy to conform with new legislation.

Motion by Policy Committee/O'Neil to approve the changes to policy 425.

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

Yes - 5

No – 0

Absent - 2

Motion Carried

### **Athletic Facilities Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Mr. Vogel mentioned that the Committee is moving forward with the “One Team. One Dream.” design including the Bluejay head. Mr. Vogel showed the Board some options of the logos of the Bluejay head and shared different website design options. Mr. Vogel explained that 6AM will take two of the options and merge different aspects of them together. They will put together a lay out then build the interior pages moving forward. Products will be shared as progress is made. Website design should be ready around mid-February.

### **Sites**

#### **New Building Progress**

Dr. Garvey explained since we were unable to drain the entire site before the freeze and because Wondra experienced wet conditions along the south road after the frost came out of the ground (December) the Sites Committee considered and approved change orders representing the recommendations being made by Maas and Wondra.

Dr. Garvey updated the Board on the construction meetings and indicated that bid packages will be ready the end of January with bids due at the end of February.

#### **Elementary Fire Restoration Update & Tour**

Dr. Garvey informed the Board that the tradesmen have been on site since Wednesday afternoon. The hood and equipment were installed this weekend with the fire inspection held at 8am this morning and full health inspection scheduled for Tuesday morning. Following the meeting, the Board toured the kitchen and areas affected by the fire.

### **Meeting dates**

The Board will next meet on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Motion by O’Neil/Wrench to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Stewart  
District Administrative Assistant