

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – March 30, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Johnson City Central School District held in the Board Room of the Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, Broome County, New York was called to order by President Edmondson at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020.

President Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Board  
Members present:

Shannon M. Edmondson, President  
Nicholas J. Matyas, Vice President  
Jeannette Farr, District Clerk  
Stephen Barrows, Trustee [*entered @ 7:10 AM*]  
Matthew Jablonowski, Trustee

Members absent: Heather Gaughan, Trustee  
Richard G. Martinez, Trustee

Also present were: Mary Kay Roland, Superintendent of Schools and Eric Race, Assistant Superintendent for Administration

A. LEGAL MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Farr  
ISSUES Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration,  
- SEQR the Board approved the following.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
REVIEW TYPE I ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Johnson City Central School District (the “District”) Board of Education (the “Board”) at its meeting on February 25, 2020, reviewed the construction of an approximately ten (10) acre, up to 3.9 MW solar project to be completed at its 1200 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, New York 13790 (the “Proposed Action”), including, but not limited to, construction of the solar project, site work, interconnection work, and other related, incidental and accessory construction of facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type I and II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Parts 617.4(b) and 617.5(c) and preliminarily concluded that it qualified as a Type I action, declared lead agency, directed all involved and interested agencies be notified of its intent to act as lead agency, and directed preparation of Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”); and

**WHEREAS**, Part 1 of the FEAF has been completed, all involved and interested agencies have been notified of the Proposed Action, and all such agencies have been provided an opportunity to respond and comment on the Proposed Action,

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and either consented or not responded to the Board's declaration of lead agency and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the potential impacts to the environment of the Proposed Action, and the Board has reviewed it and other documents and materials prepared and submitted regarding the same, and consulted with its architects and engineers regarding the Proposed Action and its potential impacts, and reviewed and completed Parts 2 and 3 of the FEAF, all of which such documents and materials are incorporated herein by reference;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Johnson City Central School District as follows:

1. Based upon an examination of the FEAF and other available supporting documents, materials and information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Board's knowledge of the area surrounding the Proposed Action and such further investigation of the Proposed Action and its respective potential environmental impacts as the Board has deemed appropriate, the Board makes the following findings and determinations:

a. No significant adverse environmental impacts are noted in the FEAF for the Proposed Action and none are known to the Board. Therefore, the Board hereby determines that it will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and the Board will not require preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Proposed Action;

b. As a consequence of the foregoing, the District Superintendent is directed to prepare a Negative Declaration for the Proposed Action;

c. The Board hereby directs that all SEQRA documents and notices, including but not limited to the FEAF and Negative Declaration, are to be maintained in files that are readily accessible to the public and made available upon request, subject only to the limitations established by the Freedom of Information Law.

2. The Board hereby directs that a certified copy of this resolution, the FEAF, the Negative Declaration, and a completed scope of work be filed with the New York State Education Department, Office of Facilities Planning, as required by law.

3. The Board hereby directs that all necessary SEQRA documents and notices, including the FEAF and Negative Declaration and any notices be filed with the chief executive officer of the political subdivision where the action is located, the lead agency, all involved agencies and persons or parties who have requested it.



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provide for the insertion of a notice with respect to such proposition in the Notice of said Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote; and to provide for other matters in connection therewith, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Johnson City Central School District, Broome County, New York, as follows:

With respect to the proposition referred to in the preambles hereof, the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be included in the Notice of the Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote of said School District scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020, the following additional notice:

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that at such Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020 the following proposition shall be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters of said School District:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED that the Johnson City Central School District is hereby authorized to acquire an approximate 17.5 acre parcel adjacent to the bus garage (1200 Reynolds Road) at a maximum estimated cost of \$170,000 and the construction thereon of a solar panel field at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,680,000 with \$5,850,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof.”

SEQRA DETERMINATION: The Board of Education of said School District, acting as Lead Agency, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, has determined that the aforesaid project is a Type I Action, and will not have any significant adverse impact upon the environment.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Jablonowski  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (2) Trustee Gaughan, Martinez  
Abstain: (0) None

President Edmondson declared the motion approved.

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MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Farr

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:29 a.m.

Jalynn Doig  
Board Clerk