

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – September 8, 2020

The Regular 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 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Trustee
Stephen Barrows, Trustee
Heather Gaughan, Trustee
Matthew Jablonowski, Trustee
Richard G. Martinez, Trustee

Also present were: Mary Kay Roland, Superintendent, Eric Race, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Joseph Guccia, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, Accountability, Frank W. Miller, Attorney, and Jalynn Doig, Board Clerk.

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 8/25/20 MINUTES: August 25, 2020 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.

REGULAR MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Gaughan
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL JUNE 2020 - APPROVED
STATEMENTS MOTION: Trustee Farr SECOND: Trustee Martinez
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI- President Edmondson discussed her email response to a letter
CATIONS the Board received from the JCTA Board of Directors.

POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Farr SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 7:04 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The following attended Executive Session:

Board Members: Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski, Martinez

Also attending: Mary Kay Roland, Eric Race, Joseph Guccia, Frank Miller

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Barrows

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Mr. Race provided the Board with a very complete picture of health and safety protocols that have been put in place throughout the district. Following CDC, DOH and NYSED guidelines, the primary goal is to reduce exposure and mitigate risk to students, staff, and community members. Mr. Race explained procedures and PPE purchased by the district to meet this goal.

Mr. Guccia relayed information regarding changes to the hybrid school calendar. Full-remote learning will now be utilized on Sept. 18, 25 and October 2, 9. He explained the technology trainings for remote/hybrid learning that staff will receive and resources that will be provided by the Instructional Technology Committee.

Ms. Riley provided an overview of K-2 and 3-5 enrollment figures along with a breakdown of hybrid/remote learners.

Mr. Erickson discussed sixth-grade orientation and middle school hybrid/remote statistics.

B. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Project Committee: The committee shared an update on status of middle school work completion and cleaning efforts to ready the building for students and staff.

Budget Committee: The committee discussed the 20% reduction in revenue from New York State totaling \$400,000 for 2019-20 and \$660,000 for the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year. They reviewed projected reductions for the remainder of the current school year if federal funds are not made available to states/schools in the amount of \$5.6 million. In addition to a freeze on spending, the district will study all expenses and positions in the district.

BOE Officers: In response to a letter from the JCTA Board of Directors to the Board, the board officers along with the Superintendent met with several JCTA officers on Saturday, September 5. The JCTA expressed concerns regarding the manageability of and adherence to protocols put in place to mitigate risk of COVID spread throughout the District.

- F. PERSONNEL - MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
 INSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board
 approved the following:

**CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020
 SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Effective Dates
Lily Roach	ED Speech /Hear HDCP	Speech & Lang. Disabilities, Initial	9/08/2020 – 6/30/2021

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Date
Jose Camilo-Estrella	Spanish (60%)	Elem./Middle (6-8)	9/7/2020
Jessica Collins	Teaching Asst.	Elem./Middle (3-5)	9/18/2020
Sarah Melmed	Teaching Asst.	Elem./Middle (K-2)	9/8/2020

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Dates
Colleen Repetto	ED Speech /Hear HDCP	Elem./Middle (K-2)	9/15/2020- 9/25/2020
Sarah Tesar	Elementary	Elem./Middle (K-2)	9/8/2020 – 9/18/2020

PART-TIME NON-TENURE BEARING APPOINTMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Dates
Jose Camilo-Estrella	Spanish (80%)	Elem./Middle (6-8)	9/8/2020- 6/30/2021

- G. PERSONNEL- MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
 NONINSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board
approved the following:

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION

Name	From / To		Effective Date
Bernard Bassett	Substitute Bus Driver	Bus Driver, PT	9/1/20
Lizbeth Kovach	Bus Driver, PT	Substitute Bus Driver	9/1/20

RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT

	Position / Location		Effective Date
Martha Williams	Typist	Districtwide	11/30/20

RESIGNATION

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Ann Morrissey	Food Service Helper, PT	Districtwide	7/1/20

- H. BOARD
 OPEN
 DISCUSSION

Superintendent Roland discussed a NYSED 2020-21 Pilot program related to remote learning and snow days. She participated in a section/regional Superintendents' virtual meeting regarding the upcoming athletic season.

- I. VISITORS

Heather Pepper, 112 Aitchison Road, Binghamton, NY – Expressed concerns she has with safety protocols in the district. Inquired why temperature checks are random and not for all students, staff. Would like the Board to take this into consideration.

Theresa Palleschi, 229 Myrtle Avenue, Johnson City, NY – Inquired whether employees are required to be retested before returning to work after having COVID. Asked about temperature checks, bus cleaning, fogger disinfecting equipment, and why 80% of faculty members surveyed were not comfortable returning to work at JC.

Lisa McCaffery – 3 Eric Court, Johnson City, NY – Expressed her view that the dedication of teaching staff and many hours of work needed to properly teach, both remotely and in person, requires one day a week of remote-only teaching. This would provide teachers with an opportunity to plan and to connect with students and colleagues.

Frank Matonis – 528 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY – Provided information to the Board regarding a survey of JCTA members regarding violations of district safety protocols they observed over the summer by administrators, staff, and contractors. Many JCTA members are concerned for

the safety of students and staff. He will share the redacted results with the Board.

Jim Mihalko, 3833 Pembroke Lane, Vestal, NY 13850 – Asked that the Board look into a better approach to communication with teachers. Although teaching staff was asked to follow safety protocols in July and August while attending professional development, those at the highest levels of administration failed to follow the very protocols they put in place. Staff who were quarantined felt unimportant. He requested that the Board look further into this issue. The JCTA is grateful for the board and their desire to help.

Mark Buza – 285 Lower Stella Ireland Road, Binghamton, NY – Expressed appreciation for all that the Board does. Feels that the common theme of all involved is safety for students and staff. Protocols need to be enforced to prevent quarantine/infection. Teachers need to be present in school to serve their students. Thanked the Board for accommodating visitors comments.

Sue Russell – 43 Skellet Road, Harpursville, NY – Wanted to address the K-2 building condition. Several items in her classroom were broken and destroyed. Also expressed gratitude for training days that the district is providing staff.

L. REGULAR
MEETING
ADJOURNED

MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jalynn Doig
Jalynn Doig, Board Clerk