REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – April 13, 2021

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, April 13, 2021.

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, and Jalynn Doig, Board Clerk.

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 3/23/21 MINUTES: March 23, 2021 – Regular Meeting approved as presented. REGULAR MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez

MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI- There were no direct communications.

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POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Barrows

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 7:02 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss CSE and CPSE recommendations that are attached to and made part of the official minutes filed in the permanent record along with negotiations and tenure-related issues. The following attended Executive Session:

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

Also attending: Mary Kay Roland, Eric Race, Joseph Guccia, Jalynn Doig

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Gaughan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. INSTRUC-TIONAL REPORT

Superintendent Roland and Mr. Guccia updated the board regarding the K-12 Guidance Plan and the District Professional Learning Plan. They provided an overview of the steps taken to return to increased in-person learning and a current breakdown of in-person vs. full-remote students. Superintendent Roland relayed plans underway for end-of-year celebrations for the Class of 2021, district minority statistics, and declining enrollment figures.

B BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Project Committee</u>: The committee reviewed the pamphlet sent to district residents featuring the solar project and the upcoming community-focus group discussion and public hearing regarding the same.

<u>Budget Committee</u>: Mr. Race discussed the state budget figures including both restored state aid and increases over the next three years. He also explained federal grants that will be available to districts to address learning loss as a result of the pandemic.

<u>Technology Committee</u>: The committee discussed the preparations for the 2021-22 school year. The district is expanding access points for better wireless delivery. Each 8-12 student will be provided with a device and case that can be taken home. K-7 students will be provided with devices for school use. Students will be asked to return their current devices to school during the last week of classes.

<u>Culture & Climate Committee</u>: Trustee Matyas provided the entire board with a summary of the Thought Exchange that was recently completed by staff and parents. The top three key thoughts that participants focused on were communication, decision making, and board transparency. The board will review and further discuss the results in making future plans.

C. LEGAL ISSUES

- Election Inspectors MOTION: Trustee Gaughan

SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski

<u>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following:</u>

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Johnson City Central School District is to be held on May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12 noon and 8:00 p.m. and ballots shall be used for recording the vote at the Annual Meeting and Election; it is

RESOLVED:

1. Each of the following qualified voters of the District is hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election, including those appointed as Chief Election Inspectors, at said Annual Meeting and Election and shall perform such duties and take such action as prescribed by the Education Law:

<u>Valerie Allen, Chief Election Inspector</u> Donna Turnbill, Assistant Chief Election Inspector

C. LEGAL ISSUES (CONT'D.)

2. Each of the following qualified voters of the District is hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of the Meeting at the Annual Meeting and Election and to perform such Election and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by the Education Law:

- Election Insp.

Donna Tokos Joseph Tokos

Mervin Manwarren

Margaret Bakalar

Lurline Crampton

Lois Hollenbeck

Frances Lake

Dolores Augostine

Lois Hollenbeck

- 3. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify this Board of Education forthwith if any of such persons hereinabove appointed to the respective offices refuses to accept such appointment or fails to serve, in which case this Board of Education is to take such further action as may be authorized in such circumstances pursuant to the Education Law. In the event that this Board of Education is unable to hold a meeting to appoint a qualified voter of this School District to fill a vacancy caused by the refusal of any person herein designated to accept his/her appointment or the failure of any such persons to serve, the District Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint a qualified voter of this School District to fill such vacancy.
- 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr,

Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski, Martinez

Noes: (0) None Absent: (0) None Abstain: (0) None

President Edmondson declared the motion approved.

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C. LEGAL
ISSUES
-Retention
Schedule

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Farr

<u>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the</u> following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, By the Johnson City Central School District Board of Education of Broome County, NY that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr,

Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski, Martinez

Noes: (0) None Absent: (0) None Abstain: (0) None

President Edmondson declared the motion approved.

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C. DISPOSAL OF **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski

The Asst. Superintendent for Administration and various other

departments have determined that obsolete items, no longer having a

useful life in the district, be disposed of.

RESOLVED, that the obsolete equipment, a copy of which is attached to the official resolution, be disposed of by the Asst. Superintendent for Administration in the most efficient manner.

and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the Asst. Superintendent for Administration and the Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute any documents which may be required to effect the result of this disposal.

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan

Jablonowski, Martinez

Noes: (0) None Abstains: (0) None (0) None Absent:

The President declared the resolution adopted

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C. LEGAL **ISSUES** - Budget MOTION: Trustee Farr

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration,

the Board approved the budget transfers. **Transfers**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Edmondson, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Matyas, Martinez

Abstain: (0) None

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C. LEGAL ISSUES
- Tax
Changes

MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Gaughan Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND

Resolved, that upon a decision of State of New York Supreme Court dated March 17, 2021, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amounts for tax years 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 be adjusted and refunded as follows:

NAME	AJEM Group LLC/Court and Broad LLC
ADDRESS	98 Main St /95 Court St
	Binghamton, NY 13905/13901
TAX MAP #'s	143.65-1-10, 143.63-3-18, 143.57-2-21,
	143.57-2-6, 143.57-2-7, & 143.65-1-27
52 N Broad St.	
2018-19 ASSESSMENT	\$3,000 to \$2,590 - \$410 difference
REDUCTION	
2018-19 REFUND DUE	\$251.42
92 Croker Ave	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT	\$2,000 to \$1,296 - \$704
REDUCTION	
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$449.62
12 N Broad St	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT	\$5,200 to \$2,360 - \$2,840
REDUCTION	
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$1,813.80
11 N Broad St	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT	\$4,140 to \$2,709 - \$1,431
REDUCTION	
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$913.92
7 N Broad St	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT	\$1,500 to \$1,123 - \$377
REDUCTION	
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$240.77
20 Willow St	
2018-19 ASSESSMENT	\$3,240 to \$2,376 - \$864
REDUCTION	
2019-20 ASSESSMENT	\$3,240 to \$2,376 - \$864
REDUCTION	
2018-19 REFUND DUE	\$529.82
2019-20 REFUND DUE	\$537.63
TOTAL REFUND	\$4,736.98

Be it further resolved, that the Tax Certiorari Reserve be used for the refunds. Also, \$1,318.87 be appropriated in the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget (A1964.400-99-990 - Refund on Real Property Taxes) and the 2020-21 refunds

totaling \$3,418.11 are to be recorded in current year tax revenue (A1001); the source is A864 - Reserve for Tax Certiorari.

Upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan

Jablonowski, Martinez

Noes: (0) None Abstains: (0) None Absent: (0) None

The President declared the resolution adopted

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C. LEGAL ISSUES
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Changes

MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Gaughan Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND

Resolved, that upon a decision of State of New York Supreme Court dated March 26, 2021, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amounts for tax years 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 be adjusted and refunded as follows:

NAME	ISLIP U-SLIP LLC	
ADDRESS	10 Mount Misery Rd	
	Huntington, NY 11743	
TAX MAP #'s	143.10-1-1	
528 Harry L. Drive		
2018-19 ASSESSMENT	\$93,940 to \$64,800 - \$29,140 difference	
REDUCTION		
2018-19 REFUND DUE	\$0 (per agreement)	
2019-20 ASSESSMENT	\$93,940 to \$53,125 - \$40,815	
REDUCTION		
2019-20 REFUND DUE	\$25,397.36	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT	\$93,940 to \$43,155 - \$50,785	
REDUCTION		
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$32,434.36	
TOTAL REFUND	\$57,831.72	

Be it further resolved, that the Tax Certiorari Reserve be used for the refunds. Also, \$25,397.36 be appropriated in the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget (A1964.400-99-990 - Refund on Real Property Taxes) and the 2020-21 refund totaling \$32,434.36 are to be recorded in current year tax revenue (A1001); the source is A864 - Reserve for Tax Certiorari.

C. LEGAL ISSUES (CONT'D.)

- Tax Changes Upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan

Jablonowski, Martinez

Noes: (0) None Abstains: (0) None Absent: (0) None

The President declared the resolution adopted

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D. DISTRICT MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez

CALENDAR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-22 The Board of Education approved the 2021-22 District Calendar.

E. DISTRICT MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez

POLICIES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2nd READING Superintendent Roland presented the following policies for a

second reading and approval:

- #8650 – Use of District Electronic Equipment by Students and Staff

- #8655 – Social Media Policy

- #8655 – Social Media Regulation

F. PERSONNEL - MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Gaughan

INSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIONAL <u>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board</u>

approved the following:

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Effective Dates
Mark Lee	Special Education SWD 7-12 Generalist -		9/1/2021 –
		Pending	6/30/2022

COACHING APPOINTMENTS - SPRING 2021

Name	Position
Paul Stanton	Head Baseball
Sean Mullins	Assistant Baseball
Matt Zelesnikar	Assistant Baseball
Todd Cutting	Assistant Baseball
Jason Rice	Assistant Baseball
Ryan Edmondson	Assistant Baseball
Timothy Talcott	Head Softball
Michael Patterson	Assistant Softball
Patrick Vavra	Assistant Softball
Leah Talcott	Assistant Softball
Michelle Reynolds	Assistant Softball

Name	Position	
Lisa Miller	Assistant Softball	
Erik Legenhausen	Head Girls Lacrosse	
Kylie Hrehor	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	
Randall Bors	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	
Amanda Mauro	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	
Michael Lombardini	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	
Blake Nuckolls	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	
Bo Flynn	Head Boys Lacrosse	
Chase Harrington	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	
Benjamin Eggleston	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	
William Spalik	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	
William Knight	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	
Alex Sprague-Getsy	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	
Steve Hughes	Head Boys & Girls Tennis	
Maura Nolan	Assistant Boys & Girls Tennis	
Eric Putman	Head Track & Field	
Anthony Mastroianni	Assistant Track	
Eric Mastroianni	Assistant Track	
Peter Tylenda	Assistant Track	
Eric Adolf	Assistant Track	
Joshua Perez	Assistant Track	
Joe Mars	Head Boys & Girls Golf	
Bess Greenberg	Unified Basketball	

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G. PERSONNEL - MOTION: Trustee Martinez NONINSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following:

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION

Name	From / To Effect		Effective Date
Joann Card	Substitute Laborer	Cleaner	4/14/21
Evelyn Griffis	Substitute Driver	Substitute Monitor	4/16/21
Nikolay Khalimonov	Substitute Driver	Driver, PT	4/16/21

SECOND: Trustee Farr

RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT

	Position / Lo	Effective Date	
Dianne Fiacco	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	7/1/21
Gaye Hoffman	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	7/1/21

G. PERSONNEL - NONINSTRUCTIONAL (CONT'D.)

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS PENDING CLEARANCE

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Theresa Sheets	Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	4/14/21
Lisa Koltz	Substitute Food Service Worker Districtwid		4/14/21
Bobbi LaBelle	Substitute Food Service Worker	Districtwide	4/14/21
Joseph Ryan	Substitute Bus Monitor	Transportation	4/20/21

CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF 9/22/20 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	Postion	Effective Date	
Kerri Parker	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	4/1/21 -6/30/21

H. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Barrows

<u>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following:</u>

Date of Trip	Destination	Requesting Org./Group	Purpose
4/24/21	Lake Ontario, NY	L. Cioci/S. Bligen	Cops 4A Cause
		HS Students	Outreach

I. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION The board discussed the BOE meeting schedule for 2021-22. The schedule will be ready for approval at the April 19 meeting.

J. VISITORS

<u>Lisa Sienkiewicz</u>, 184 Virginia Avenue, Johnson City, NY: Inquired as to why teaching position reductions are still being considered since there is now a surplus in the budget. Stated that the district would benefit from more diversity in teaching staff and administration. Inquired about a timeline for the superintendent search process and urged more transparency and communication regarding the process. Would like to see more stakeholders involved in the process to build trust in the board.

Melinda Lopez, Johnson City, NY: Requested that a message be placed on social media when an email that needs action (re: Thought Exchange) is sent to residents.

<u>Patricia Augostini, 7 Martin Avenue, Johnson City, NY</u>: Expressed concern regarding stakeholders having input into the process of searching for a superintendent (i.e., parents, staff, community members). Asked for clarification of the Thought Exchange process.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Martinez

SECOND: Trustee Farr

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The following attended Executive Session:

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

Jablonowski, Martinez

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Martinez

SECOND: Trustee Gaughan CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

L. REGULAR

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Gaughan

MEETING

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNED The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Jalynn Doig
Board Clerk