

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

REGULAR  
MEETING

MINUTES: March 23, 2021 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.  
MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI-  
CATIONS

There were no direct communications.

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. INSTRUCTIONAL 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

Project Committee: 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.

Budget Committee: 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.

Technology Committee: 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.

Culture & Climate Committee: 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.



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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the 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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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  
- 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 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
<b>528 Harry L. Drive</b>	
2018-19 ASSESSMENT REDUCTION	\$93,940 to \$64,800 - \$29,140 difference
2018-19 REFUND DUE	<b>\$0</b> (per agreement)
2019-20 ASSESSMENT REDUCTION	\$93,940 to \$53,125 - \$40,815
2019-20 REFUND DUE	<b>\$25,397.36</b>
2020-21 ASSESSMENT REDUCTION	\$93,940 to \$43,155 - \$50,785
2020-21 REFUND DUE	<b>\$32,434.36</b>
<b>TOTAL REFUND</b>	<b>\$57,831.72</b>

**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.



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 Tylanda	Assistant Track
Eric Adolf	Assistant Track
Joshua Perez	Assistant Track
Joe Mars	Head Boys & Girls Golf
Bess Greenberg	Unified Basketball

G. PERSONNEL -  
NONINSTRUC-  
TIONAL

MOTION: Trustee Martinez  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Farr

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

**CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION**

Name	From / To		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

**RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT**

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

H. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski                      SECOND: Trustee Barrows  
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following:

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

Lisa Sienkiewicz, 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.

