

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – March 23, 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, March 23, 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. 3/9/21 MINUTES: March 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.
REGULAR MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MIN. 3/12/21 MINUTES: March 12, 2021 – Special Meeting approved as presented.
SPECIAL MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Farr
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL FEBRUARY 2021 – APPROVED
STATEMENTS MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Farr SECOND: Trustee Martinez
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 personnel and legal issues.

The following attended Executive Session:

Board Members: Trustees Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski, Martinez
Also attending: Mary Kay Roland

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Gaughan
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Project Committee: The committee discussed informational mailings and other communications that will explain the benefits of the EPC project to district residents. These include a focus group and public informational meeting.

Instruction/Curriculum Committee: The committee discussed summer school plans, professional development for staff concentrating on Social Emotional Learning curriculum, and plans for returning students in September, 2021. The committee will begin work along with the Policy Committee to revise the district’s grading policy. This will be a lengthy, in-depth process.

Campus Committee: The committee discussed several topics including HVAC work, security cameras installation, NYSERDA energy efficiency study, paving and sidewalk repair.

Budget Committee: Mr. Race presented the budget spending plan update, explaining the current status of preparation of the budget and the status of federal stimulus and state-aid funds. A detailed budget presentation is available on the district website.

B. LEGAL ISSUES
- Budget Increase

MOTION: Trustee Farr

SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET INCREASE

RESOLVED:

1. The Johnson City Central School District hereby increases the 2020-2021 approved budget revenue by the sum of \$500.00 as a result of the following donation that the District received during the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

A 2705 Gifts & Donations \$ 500.00

resulting in an increase in the total budget approved by the District voters in June 2020 of \$56,061,756.00, and the 2020-2021 budget is amended accordingly.

2. The increase in the budget revenues for 2020-2021 are offset by an increase in the budget expenses for 2020-2021 as follows:

A 1620.450-99-130 Operations Material & Supplies \$ 500.00

There being no increase to the taxpayers of the District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, accordingly said itemized increase and decrease are hereby approved.

3. 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)

Abstains: (0)

Absent: (0)

President Edmondson declared the resolution adopted.

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C. HEALTH SERVICES CHARGE 2020-21 MOTION: Trustee Farr SECOND: Trustee Gaughan
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Board approved the per pupil health services charge of \$417.00 for 2020-21, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
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D. DISTRICT POLICIES 1st READING Superintendent Roland presented the following policies for a first reading:
 - #8650 – Use of District Electronic Equipment by Students and Staff
 - #8655 – Social Media Policy
 - #8655 – Social Media Regulation

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

**CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF May 8, 2018
 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS**

***Tentative and conditioned upon the following:** Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of § 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure, the appointee shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years; and if an ineffective composite or overall rating is received in the final year of the probationary period, individual shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Name	Tenure Area / Certification	Probationary Appt.
Taylor O’Neil	Special Education SWD 1-6, Initial	9/1/18 – 6/30/21

RESIGNATION

Name	Tenure Area / Location	Effective Date
Virginia Sears	Music Elem./Middle (3-5)	6/26/2021

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

TERMINATION

Name	Position/Location	Effective Date
Robert Clark	Cleaner Districtwide	3/23/21

CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

Name	From / To	Effective Date
Desy Moenifar	Food Service Helper, PT Substitute Food Service Helper	3/30/21

F. PERSONNEL-NONINSTRUCTIONAL (CONT'D.)

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPTS. PENDING CLEARANCE

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Robert Byrne	Maintenance Helper	Districtwide	3/24/21
Maurice Taylor	Substitute Monitor	Transportation	3/24/21

G. OPEN DISCUSSION

Superintendent Roland explained that the campus is still closed to outside organizations due to contract-tracing requirements.

H. VISITORS

Lisa Sienkiewicz, 184 Virginia Ave., Johnson City, NY - Inquired as to the Board’s plan for community/parent involvement in the Superintendent search. Expressed desire for a transparent process including voices from the community to express the qualities they feel are important for a leader of the district and the future of the district. Superintendent Roland explained that there will be a Thought Exchange for parents very soon regarding the board’s direction.

Amber Stallman, 43 Penna Road, Johnson City, NY – Expressed concern regarding the incomplete budget and focus on the EPC Solar Project/Administrative issues instead of loss of learning and student issues. She stated the district should be proactive with planning for return to school plans in the fall. Superintendent Roland explained the detailed instructional report given at each board meeting regarding instruction, gaps in learning, student mental health issues, plans for return to in-person instruction, initiatives to improve attendance, etc. Mr. Guccia explained that discussions are underway regarding fall instruction and how instructional staff will be included in the planning.

Lisa McCaffery, 3 Eric Court, Johnson City, NY – Agreed that parents/staff participation in the Superintendent search is important. She also inquired as to why outside adults are sharing the turf field when student athletes are having practice and need full access.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Farr
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The following attended Executive Session:
 Board Members: Trustees Edmondson, Matyas Farr, Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski, Martinez
 Also attending: Eric Race
 MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Martinez
 SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:07 p.m.

J. REGULAR MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Gaughan
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADJOURNED The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Jalynn Doig
Board Clerk