

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – April 19, 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 19, 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. 4/13/21

REGULAR  
MEETING

MINUTES: April 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.  
MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI-  
CATIONS

A representative from NBT Mang Insurance Agency presented the Board a dividend check for effectively managing claims. Shannon Edmondson accepted on behalf of the District.

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 recommendations that are attached to and made part of the official minutes filed in the permanent record along with personnel and audit 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 Ms. Julie Beard, Music Dept. Coordinator, updated the Board regarding the 2020-21 rehearsal plan, music program enrollment data, demographic data, ensemble engagement, overview of general music program, enrichment opportunities, and family engagement.

B BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS Campus Committee: The committee reviewed the upcoming NYSERDA energy assessment for the district, HVAC project, camera installation, and landscaping at the high school.

Project Committee: The committee reviewed the community focus discussion regarding the solar project. Positive feedback revolved around the community walking trail and educational opportunities for students tied to the project.

Budget Committee: Mr. Race, in coordination with the committee, explained the 2021-22 budget in detail. This presentation will be available to the public on Tuesday, May 11 during the Budget Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 PM.

C. LEGAL ISSUES -Deputy Treasurer MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED** that Kelly Covert is appointed Deputy Treasurer.

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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D. B-T BOCES ADMIN. BUDGET 2021-22 MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez **RESOLVED**, that the Johnson City Board of Education approved the 2021-22 administrative budget of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,245,861.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Martinez, Edmondson, Matyas, Farr, Barrows, Gaughan, Jablonowski,

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

President Edmondson declared the motion approved.

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E. B-T BOCES BOARD ELECTION 2021-22 MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Farr  
**RESOLVED**, that the Johnson City Board of Education cast votes for John Crosby, David Hawley, and Nick Matyas as Board members of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

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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F. BTBOCES FINAL REQUEST FOR SERVICES 2021-22 MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Gaughan  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Johnson City Central School District will participate in BOCES provided services during 2021-2022. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the schedule as determined by Broome-Tioga BOCES. Also, be it resolved that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in accordance with the Broome-Tioga BOCES requirements.

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G. 2021-22 BUDGET ADOPTION MOTION: Trustee Barrows SECOND: Trustee Martinez  
**RESOLVED**, that the Johnson City Board of Education hereby adopts the school budget for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$59,473,623, to be voted on by district residents on May 18, 2021.

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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H. 2021-2022 MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Farr  
 PROPERTY Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Asst.  
 TAX Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the 2021-22  
 REPORT Property Tax Report Card.  
 CARD 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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I. 2021-22 MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Gaughan  
 BOARD OF CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 EDUCATION The Board approved the following meeting dates for 2021-22:  
 MEETING August 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 DATES August 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 August 17, 31, 2021 Reserved for Work Sessions  
  
 September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 September 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 September 21, 2021 Reserved for Work Session  
  
 October 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 October 5, 19, 2021 Reserved for Work Sessions  
  
 November 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 November 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 November 2, 16, 2021 Reserved for Work Sessions  
  
 December 7, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 December 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
 December 14, 2021 Reserved for Work Session  
  
 January 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting  
 January 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting  
 January 4, 18, 2022 Reserved for Work Sessions  
  
 February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting  
 February 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting  
 February 1, 15, 2022 Reserved for Work Sessions

- I. 2021-22 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES (CONT'D.)
  - March 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - March 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - March 1, 15, 29, 2022 Reserved for Work Sessions
  - April 5, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - April 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - April 26, 2022 Reserved for Work Session
  - May 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing-Budget
  - May 17, 2022 Annual Meeting-Budget Vote/Board Election
  - May 3, 24, 2022 Reserved for Work Sessions
  - June 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - June 28, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - June 7, 21, 2022 Reserved for Work Session
  - July 12, 2022 Organizational/Regular Meeting

- J. DISTRICT POLICIES 1st READING
 

Superintendent Roland presented the following policies for a first reading:

  - #4522 – Resource Teachers
  - #5312.1 – Drug and Alcohol Abuse
  - #5312.1-R – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Regulation
  - #5312.2 – Dangerous Weapons in the Schools
  - #5314 – Corporal Punishment

- K. PERSONNEL - INSTRUCTIONAL
 

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

**RESIGNATION**

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Judith Mitrowitz	Teacher Center Director	High School	7/31/2021

**EXTENSION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Extended To
Patricia Welch	Mathematics	High School	6/30/2022

## K. PERSONNEL - INSTRUCTIONAL (CONT'D.)

**TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Tenure Area</b>	<b>Tenure Date</b>
Ivy Davis	High School	Foreign Language	9/1/2021
Kevin Cushner	Elem./Middle (3-5)	Special Education	9/1/2021
Brenna Kenney	Elem./Middle (K-2)	Elementary	9/1/2021
Melissa Kettle	Elem./Middle (3-5)	Elementary	9/1/2021
Erik Legenhausen	High School	Social Studies	9/1/2021
Lydia Mann	High School	Science	9/1/2021
Edward Medina	High School	English	9/1/2021
Sarah Munn	High School	English	9/1/2021
Taylor O'Neil	Elem./Middle (K-2)	Special Education	9/1/2021
Kelsey Palmer	Elem./Middle (3-5)	Elementary	9/1/2021
Franklin Sager	High School	Mathematics	9/1/2021
Victoria Santucci	Elem./Middle (K-2)	Elementary	9/1/2021
Jacqueline Townsend	Elem./Middle (6-8)	English	9/1/2021
Sarah Wichowski	Elem./Middle (6-8)	Mathematics	9/1/2021

L. BOARD  
OPEN  
DISCUSSION

Superintendent Roland mentioned a grant received by Becky Duell to be used for replenishing the garden at the K-8 building. Food Services also received two grants. The Board again discussed the main thoughts from the Thought Exchange. Improving communication will be a main goal of the Board, and the Culture & Climate Committee will endeavor to find ways to achieve this goal. Trustee Matyas explained the Board will reestablish a diversity task force. The entire Board charged the Culture & Climate Committee to begin work immediately to make this happen. President Edmondson explained the Board will hold a retreat this summer to update the mission, vision, and goals of the Board of Education.

## M. VISITORS

Amber Stallman, 43 Penna Road, Johnson City, NY: Raised concerns regarding the superintendent search and the tight timeline. Discussed the Board's lack of transparency, lack of inclusion of parents/community, lack of thoroughness in searching for viable candidates in the larger pool.

Lisa Sienkiewicz, 184 Virginia Ave., Johnson City, NY: Requested more transparency regarding the characteristics the Board is prioritizing for the next superintendent.

Trustee Martinez explained the Board's role in searching for the next superintendent. The Board has a responsibility to parents, staff, and taxpayers to choose the person they feel is best suited for the position. The Board was duly elected by the residents of the district to take on this responsibility. President Edmondson echoed these thoughts. The Board will follow its legal obligations and will have a superintendent appointed by July 1, 2021.

- N. EXECUTIVE SESSION      MOTION: Trustee Gaughan      SECOND: Trustee Farr  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
The Board went into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel 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 9:37 p.m.
- O. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED      MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski      SECOND: Trustee Gaughan  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

*Jalynn Doig*  
Board Clerk