

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – May 11, 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, May 11, 2021.

President Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Board

Members present:

Shannon M. Edmondson, President
Nicholas J. Matyas, Trustee
Jeannette Farr, Trustee
Stephen Barrows, Trustee
Heather Gaughan, Trustee
Matthew Jablonowski, Trustee
Richard G. Martinez, Trustee

Also present were: Mary Kay Roland, Superintendent of Schools; Eric Race, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Joseph Guccia, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Accountability; and Jalynn Doig, Board Clerk.

WELCOME

President Edmondson and Superintendent Roland welcomed the visitors in attendance.

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Gaughan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY - At 7:01 p.m. the Regular Meeting was recessed to hold the Public Hearing on the 2021-22 Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING 2021-22 SCHOOL BUDGET

President Edmondson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Eric Race, gave a presentation on the proposed budget 2021-22, as well as information on the propositions that are to be voted upon.

President Edmondson then opened the floor for visitor questions/comments.

J. Husar, 14 David Drive, Johnson City, NY – Mr. Husar expressed concerns about the solar EPC and property-purchase proposition, including return on investment and maintenance costs. Trustee Martinez and Mr. Race explained further details regarding these concerns.

P. Nezelek, 207 Cyndy Street, Johnson City, NY – Ms. Nezelek inquired regarding the impact of poor weather and storage capabilities of the solar array. She also inquired about how the district's declining enrollment and increasing diversity impacts the services the district offers. Superintendent Roland explained impacts to the special education department, ESL staff, and social workers.

J. Ford, 9 Maiden Lane, Binghamton, NY – Expressed concerns regarding the proposed solar field placement, reliability of the installing company, overpayment for land and poor location. Mr. Race relayed that Solar Liberty has completed and maintained many upstate NY solar projects; and after an analysis of the property, felt it was an excellent site.

BOARD CANDIDATES

Heather Gaughan introduced herself and spoke regarding her reasons for continued interest in being a board member. Her primary focus is student well-being, especially after the losses experienced by students during the pandemic. She would like to continue to be a voice and advocate for students to ensure their needs are met. She discussed the dedication it takes to serve on the Board and her desire to represent the staff, parents, and community.

Amber Stallman introduced herself and spoke regarding her experience working as Assistant Provost, Director of Financial Aid, and Registrar at SUNY Binghamton. She feels that her work experience with budgets, auditing, records management, FERPA compliance, and building a rapport with students and staff would help her in the role of board member. She is passionate about student success and attracting a diverse staff to the district. She expressed support for teaching staff addressing learning loss and additional workload because of the pandemic.

DATE TO REMEMBER

President Edmondson reviewed the date for voting: Tuesday, May 18, 2021; 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD
RECOGNITION

Superintendent Roland and the entire Board joined to recognize nine students who have earned the NYS Seal of Bi-literacy.

- Madeline Akulis
- Emma Augustini
- Natalie Brown
- Kendal Guzyk
- Audrey Horton
- Patricia Nester
- Audrey Relyea
- Humera Shah
- Aaron Vrablic

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 4/19/21

MINUTES: April 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.

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MOTION: Trustee Martinez

SECOND: Trustee Gaughan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI-
CATIONS

There were no direct communications.

POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Farr

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 8:06 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 a personnel matter.

The following attended Executive Session:

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

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

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Farr

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. BOARD
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Curriculum/Instruction: The committee discussed STEM curriculum development, Regents Exams exemptions, elementary literacy plan, staff development, and SEL curriculum.

Technology Committee: The committee reported on hot spots the district is adding for better internet connectivity throughout the district. They recommended that the district proceed with improvements to the auditorium and board room that will allow for better streaming and video conferencing.

Culture & Climate Committee: The committee reviewed results from the student Thought Exchange. They focused on the most prevalent concerns and comments from the middle and high school student body. They also discussed the role of the Board in forming a diversity task force and the possibility of hiring a diversity director. Trustee Martinez requested the committee provide the Board with a job description at the next meeting. They also discussed methods to improve communication with the community, parents, and staff.

B. LEGAL
ISSUES

MOTION: Trustee Farr

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the budget transfers.

- Budget
Transfers

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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B. LEGAL ISSUES
- Tax Changes

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski 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 April 16, 2021, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amounts for tax year 2020/21 be adjusted and refunded as follows:

NAME	B&F Development
ADDRESS	8927 Center Pointe Dr
	Baldwinsville, NY 13027-1502
TAX MAP #'s	143.05-1-23, 143.05-1-3
302 Reynolds Road	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT REDUCTION	\$41,800 to \$33,702- \$8,098 difference
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$5,171.87
310 Reynolds Road	
2020-21 ASSESSMENT REDUCTION	\$23,600 to \$18,906- \$4,694 difference
2020-21 REFUND DUE	\$2,997.87
TOTAL REFUND	\$8,169.74

Be it further resolved, that the Tax Certiorari Reserve be used for the refunds. Also, the 2020-21 refunds totaling \$8,169.74 are to be recorded in current year tax revenue (A1001); the source is A864 - Reserve for Tax Certiorari.

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. INTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Barrows
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Audit Report dated June 30, 2020.

D. CONTRACT AGREEMENT 2020-21

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

- Paula Loretz (OT)

E. DISTRICT
POLICIES
1st READING

Superintendent Roland presented the following policies for a first reading:

- #0100 – Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
- #0100-E – Public Notice – Anti Discrimination Policy – Delete
- #8130 – Emergency Plans
- #8130-R – Emergency Plans Regulation
- #8131 – Pandemic Planning
- #9600 – Staff Conduct

F. DISTRICT
POLICIES
2nd READING

MOTION: Trustee Gaughan
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski

Superintendent Roland presented the following policies for a second reading and approval:

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

G. PERSONNEL -
INSTRUC-
TIONAL

MOTION: Trustee Farr
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

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

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Date
Cristiane Lourenco	Elementary	Elem./Middle (3-5)	6/30/2021
Shawana Miller	Physical Education	Elem./Middle (K-2)	6/30/2021
Adrienne Sharpe	Teaching Assistant	High School	6/30/2021

REDUCTIONS OF FORCE DUE TO DECLINING ENROLLMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Date
Nicole Domizio	English	Elem./Middle (6-8)	7/1/2021
Sarah Wichowski	Mathematics	Elem./Middle (6-8)	7/1/2021

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Effective Dates
Carmen Roehm	Physical Education	Uncertified	9/1/2021-6/30/2022

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Probationary Appt.
Joshua White	Physical Education	Physical Education - Initial	9/1/21 – 6/30/25

- H. PERSONNEL- NONINSTRUCTIONAL MOTION: Trustee Gaughan SECOND: Trustee Martinez
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

Name	From / To		Effective Date
Michele Clark	Teacher Aide, PT	Substitute Teacher Aide	4/30/21

RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT

	Position / Location		Effective Date
Lori Clemente	Food Service Manager	Districtwide	8/23/21

RESIGNATION

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Walter Meacham	Substitute Bus Monitor	Transportation	4/23/21

APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Lori Clemente	Substitute Food Service Helper	Districtwide	8/30/21

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT PENDING CLEARANCE

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Michael Meyers	Substitute Laborer	Districtwide	5/12/21
Samuel Robinson	Systems Training Assistant	Districtwide	6/1/21

- I. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Superintendent Roland discussed the presentation she and the JC Connects team provided at Binghamton University describing the Community Schools model and how it is utilized at JC. They outlined the mental health, funding, and communication components of the program.

- J. VISITORS

J. Husar, 14 David Drive, Johnson City, NY – Mr. Husar thanked Superintendent Roland and the Board for their dedication, time, and hard work for the benefit of the district. He questioned if other districts in the area are experiencing similar enrollment declines and if consolidation was a point of discussion to address this issue.

Lisa McCaffery, 3 Eric Court, Johnson City, NY – Ms. McCaffery requested that the Thought Exchange presented by the Culture & Climate Committee be shared with teachers. Superintendent Roland will share it with principals.

- K. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED

MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Jalynn Doig
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Board Clerk