

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – June 13, 2023

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 Matyas at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

President Matyas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Board

Members present:

Nicholas J. Matyas, President  
Jeannette Farr, Vice President  
Matthew Jablonowski, Trustee  
Stephen Barrows, Trustee  
Shannon M. Edmondson, Trustee  
Richard G. Martinez, Trustee  
Amber Stallman, Trustee

Also present were: Eric Race, Superintendent of Schools; Elisa Eaton, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Joseph Guccia, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Accountability; Jalynn Doig, Board Clerk, and Laurie Akulis.

BOARD  
RECOGNITION

The board recognized the following students who successfully presented their culminating project to panelists for the New York State “Seal of Biliteracy” Award. They are:

- Rania Adam                      - Manahil Arshad                      - Isabella Cobb
- Jordan Hamdan                - Naima Hussain                      - Karlo Pesantez Cajamarca
- Ian Perry                        - Edgardo Ramos, Jr.

The board recognized a student for achieving the New York State “Seal of Civic Readiness” Award: Cheyenne McPeck  
Cheyenne presented her project entitled “Mixed Competition Fitness Test.”

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 5/16/23                      MINUTES: May 16, 2023 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.

REGULAR MTG.                MOTION: Trustee Edmondson                      SECOND: Trustee Stallman  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL                      APRIL 2023 – APPROVED

STATEMENTS                MOTION: Trustee Martinez                      SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI-                      President Matyas read a letter from the NY Giants organization with an enclosed  
CATIONS                      check for \$1,000 to be used to support a girls flag football team at JCHS.

Jalynn Doig was recognized for her support of the Board of Education over the last 10 years of service. Superintendent Race thanked Jalynn for all her hard work and dedication as the Board of Education clerk and superintendent’s secretary.

POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Stallman

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 7:28 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 reasons – student discipline; Legal issues, specifically DASA complaint and Division of Human Rights complaint.

The following attended Executive Session:

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

Also attending: Eric Race, Elisa Eaton, Joseph Guccia, Jalynn Doig

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Stallman

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CSE/CPSE MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson

RECOMMEND- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATIONS Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

- A. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT Ed Medina and Catherine Dubrava presented their Summer Enrichment Program. There are 6 weeks of instruction, morning enrichment programs as well as afternoon sports programs. All programs will take place in the elementary building. Busing is offered in the morning; lunches will be served. Superintendent Race thanked the presenters and recognized their coordinated efforts.
- B. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Instructional Committee: The committee discussed staffing, math staff development and STAR data.
  - Cocurricular Committee: The committee discussed the athletic booster club tax exempt status.
  - Campus Committee: The committee discussed track and turf resurfacing, new banners, Finch Hollow status and air handler work at the high school.
  - Budget Committee: The committee discussed funding of the teachers’ retirement and capital reserve funds along with end of year spending.
  - Policy Committee (Code of Conduct): The committee is continuing their work on updates to the Code of Conduct.
  - Project Committee: The committee discussed possible future capital project work.

C. LEGAL ISSUES Results of Voting MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski  
 RESOLVED: That the resolution be adopted showing the tabulation of votes cast and declaration of the results of the ballot at the Annual Meeting and Election of the Johnson City Central School District on May 16, 2023.

The tabulation of votes reflects that:

1. The proposed budget in the amount of \$68,572,652 as adopted for the fiscal year 2023-24, was passed by a total of 358 in favor and 177 against.
2. Proposition No. 1 - School Bus Purchase was passed by a total of 270 in favor and 155 against for three (2) 66 passenger buses; (1) electric bus (grant dependent); and (1) Suburban and incidentals for an aggregate total cost of \$675,096.00.
3. Stephen Barrows was elected as member of the Board of Education for a full term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2023, ending June 30, 2028.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Barrows, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

President Matyas declared the resolution adopted.

Copy - Resolution and official tally sheet attached to official minutes.

C. LEGAL ISSUES - Bond Reso. MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Martinez  
Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the following:

**BOND RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$675,096 BONDS OF THE JOHNSON CITY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF BUSES IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, at the Annual District Meeting of the qualified voters of Johnson City Central School District, Broome County, New York, held on May 16, 2023, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to purchase school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$675,096, and providing for a levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

C. LEGAL ISSUES – Bond Resolution (CONT'D)

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for such purchase of school buses and the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Johnson City Central School District, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of two 66-passenger buses, one electric bus (grant dependent), and one Suburban, including incidentals thereto, in and for the Johnson City Central School District, Broome County, New York, is hereby authorized at a total maximum estimated of \$675,096.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost shall consist of the issuance of \$675,096 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, and the faith and credit of said School District are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

C. LEGAL ISSUES – Bond Resolution (CONT'D)

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes: (7) Trustees Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Barrows, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

President Matyas declared the motion approved.

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C. LEGAL ISSUES

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski                      SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
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 Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Barrows, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

President Matyas declared the motion approved.

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D. REVISED MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Stallman  
 BOE MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 DATES The Board of Education approved the REVISED 2023-24 BOE meeting.  
 2023-24 schedule.

E. TIME & MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Martinez  
 MATERIALS Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant  
 CONTRACTS Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the following  
Time and Materials Contracts:  
 ZMK Construction - Sitework  
 FE Jones – General Contracting  
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F. CONTRACT MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Stallman  
 AGREEMENTS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 2023-24 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the  
following contract agreements:  

- Children’s Therapy Network
- Children’s Unit for Treatment and Evaluation - Summer
- Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference

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G. PERSONNEL - MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Stallman  
 INSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board  
approved the following:

**CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF 1/24/2023  
 SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Effective Dates
Lauren Moerler	Elementary	Childhood 1-6, Internship	1/23/2023– <b>6/30/2023</b>

**CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF 1/10/2023  
 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR REASON OF CHILD-REARING**

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Dates
Molly Personius	Elementary	Elem./Middle (K-2)	5/8/2023 – <b>6/30/2023</b>

**CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF 12/20/2022  
 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Dates
Nichole Linfoot	Teaching Assistant	Elem./MS (6-8)	1/3/2023 – 6/30/2023 <b>Extension of prob. period until 12/20/2026</b>

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

**CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF 2/14/2023****LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR REASON OF CHILD-REARING**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area / Location</b>		<b>Effective Dates</b>
Chelsea Stewart	Teaching Assistant	Elem./Middle (3-5)	<b>5/2/2023 – 6/30/2024</b> <b>Ext. of Prob. period</b> <b>until 11/16/2026</b>

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR REASON OF CHILD-REARING**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area / Location</b>		<b>Effective Dates</b>
Katherine Lane	Special Education	Elem./Middle (K-2)	12/8/2023 – 1/31/2024

**RESIGNATIONS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area / Location</b>		<b>Effective Date</b>
Megan Carpenter	Elementary	Elem./Middle (K-2)	7/31/2023
Kelly Douglas	English	Elem./Middle (6-8)	6/30/2023

**DAILY SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Certification</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Loretta Paniccia	Reading - Permanent	6/14/2023
Jasmine Walker	Uncertified	6/14/2023

**SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area / Certification</b>		<b>Effective Dates</b>
Maureen Bucko	Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Nicole Jorett	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Asst. Level I	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Saira Khurshid	Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Maliyka Muhammad	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Asst. Level I	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Dominic Nadz	Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Tara Shofkom	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Asst. Level I	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Jill Swartz	Elementary	N-6, Permanent	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Andrew Thompson	Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Juliana Tobin	English	Uncertified	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Cassidy Walsh	Elementary	Uncertified	9/5/2023- 12/21/2023

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

**EVERYDAY SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Certification/Location</b>		<b>Effective Dates</b>
Lauren Blackham	Uncertified	Elem/.Middle (K-5)	9/5/2023 – 6/30/2024
Kira Krohmalney	Childhood 1-6, pending	Elem/.Middle (K-5)	9/5/2023 – 6/30/2024
Kyle Legenhausen	Uncertified	MS / HS	9/5/2023 – 6/30/2024

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area / Certification</b>		<b>Probationary Appt.</b>
Gabrielle Linfoot	Teaching Assist.	Teaching Asst. Level I	9/1/2023- 6/30/2027
Melissa O'Flanagan	Sch. Counselor/Guid.	School Counselor Prov.	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2026

**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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area / Certification</b>		<b>Probationary Appt.</b>
Rebecca Murray	English Second Language	ESOL - Initial	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2027
Anna Maria Toppi	Elementary	Childhood 1-6, Initial	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2027

**APPOINTMENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position / Location</b>		<b>Probationary Appt.</b>
Shannon Walker	Assist. Principal	Elem/Middle (K-5)	7/1/2023 – 6/30/2027



H. PERSONNEL- MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
 NONINSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following:

**APPOINTMENTS**

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Elizabeth Fox	Director of Auxiliary Services	Transportation	7/31/23
Ashley ODonnell	Sub. Food Service Worker	Districtwide	6/14/23
Glorey Moreno	Sub. Food Service Worker	Districtwide	6/14/23
Rownok Islam	Sub. Food Service Worker	Districtwide	6/14/23
Dawn Parenteau	Sub. Food Service Worker	Districtwide	6/14/23
Niko Taro	Sub. Laborer	Districtwide	6/14/23
Eric Smith	Sub. Bus Monitor	Transportation	6/14/23
Jalynn Doig	Sub. Secretary	Central Office	6/21/23

**CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION**

Name	From / To		Effective Date
Rebecca Dapolito	Dispatcher FT (10 Month)	Dispatcher FT (12 Month)	7/1/23
Salma Akther	Sub. Food Service Worker	Food Service Worker, PT	6/14/23
Annette Galindo	Teacher Aide, PT	Teacher Aide, FT	9/5/23
Rhona Schaeffer	Teacher Aide, PT	Teacher Aide, FT	6/7/23

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Name	Position / Location		Effective Dates
Elizabeth Martinez	Cleaner, FT	Districtwide	5/18/23 – 6/1/23
Bradley Christian	Monitor, PT	Districtwide	6/7/23 – 6/22/23

H. PERSONNEL NONINSTRUCTIONAL - (CONT'D)

**RESIGNATIONS**

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Evelyn Griffis	Bus Driver, PT	Transportation	5/18/23
Samantha Walsh	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	5/25/23
Jessica Allis	Substitute Monitor	Districtwide	6/14/23
Kimberly Bosket	Substitute Teacher Aide	Districtwide	6/14/23
Lauren Blackham	Substitute Teacher Aide	Districtwide	6/14/23
Lin Perry	Substitute Teacher Aide	Districtwide	6/14/23
Janice Smith	Substitute Nurse	Districtwide	6/14/23
Tyler Hill	Substitute Monitor	Transportation	6/14/23
Pamela Speicher	Substitute Monitor	Transportation	6/14/23
Philip Palmer	Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	6/14/23

**TERMINATION**

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Alessandra Brozzetti	Monitor, PT	Districtwide	5/26/23

I. CONFERENCE REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Stallman

SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved:

Date(s)	Conference	Attendee(s)
6/29/23	NYSSBA 2023 Summer Law Conf DoubleTree, Binghamton, NY	E. Race (Supt) J. Guccia, E. Eaton, P. Grassi, C. Butler, J. Paske (Admin) J. Farr, N. Matyas (BOE)
7/10/23- 7/13/23	La Salle University APSI 2023 – Virtual	A. Nichols (HS)
7/24/23- 7/28/23	CS Principles Workshops New York, NY	S. Moore (HS)
9/30 – 10/03/2023	NYSCOSS Fall Leadership Summit Saratoga Springs, NY	E. Race (Supt.)

J. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Edmondson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Date of Trip	Destination	Requesting Org./Group	Purpose
6/16/23	Syracuse University Syracuse, NY	Liberty Partnership HS B. Cruz	College Tour
6/16/23- 6/18/23	Highland Forest Park Fabius, NY	HS Outdoor Adv. Club W. Knight	Overnight Camping Experience

K. BUILDING & GROUND REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Organization	Facility Requested	Timeframe	Purpose
ST Smoke Travel Softball	Softball Field	6/14 – 8/31/2023 5:00 – 8:00 PM M. & Th. 9:00 – 11:00 AM Sun.	Softball Instruction
JC Community Schools	Community Zone	6/14/2023 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Grand Care Meeting
BC607 Lacrosse	Green’s Field (1 field)	6/20-8/29/2023 Tues. 5:00-7:30 PM 6/18-8/27/2023 Sun 5:00-7:30 PM	Travel Lacrosse Practices

L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Superintendent Race was pleased with the senior awards dinner, senior parade, and successful last day of school for high school students. He congratulated Dayzin Legare on his exemplary performance at the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field competition along with the other JC athletes who participated.

President Matyas shared that the Exceptional Graduate Dinner at Endwell Greens was a huge success.

Trustee Farr inquired about the status of the district grading initiative.

M. VISITORS

M. Ross, 51 Penna Drive Johnson City, NY – Ms. Ross expressed concerns and asked for help insuring her transgender student is treated in a respectful and inclusive manner in regard to her name as it appears in the district data base and other publications and correspondence.

S. Linfoot, 420 Virginia Ave, Vestal, NY – Ms Linfoot thanked the board for adding a social worker at the high school this year. Ms Linfoot provided several examples when this enabled much more student.

A.Ross, 51 Penna Drive, Johnson City, NY – The student provided several examples of instances when their preferred name was not used by school personnel and in publications. They feel this practice goes against the established values at JC Schools. President Matyas thanked the student for sharing their experiences not only for them but for all students.

M. VISITORS (CONT'D)

E. Phelan, 19 David Dr, Johnson City, NY -Mr. Phelan expressed concern regarding allegations against an athletic coach. He inquired as to the process and whether a decision had been made regarding the outcome of the investigation. President Matyas explained the athletic coaching appointments are made on a year-to-year basis, and no appointments have been approved for the 2023-24 school year.

N. REGULAR  
MEETING  
ADJOURNED

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Edmondson

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

*Jalynn Doig*

Jalynn Doig  
Board Clerk