

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – June 27, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Johnson City Central School District, held in the Auditorium 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 27, 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
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; and Laurie Akulis, Board Clerk.

BOARD
RECOGNITION

Members of the Town of Union Board presented the District with a \$50,000 check to support the Wildcat Food and Clothing Center. The Town of Union selected the Johnson City School District as one of the recipients of the CDBG-CV grant they received.

The board recognized the following individuals:

Supervisor Robert Mack
Councilman Tom Augostini
Councilman David Kudgus
Broome County Legislator Louis Augostini
Councilman Frank Bertoni
Councilman Joseph Nirchi

Andrea Hankey spoke of the phenomenal gift this is for the Wildcat Food Pantry. Both Superintendent Race and President Matyas echoed their appreciation and thanks for how this will help our students and community.

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 6/13/23
REGULAR MTG. MINUTES: June 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.
MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski
SECOND: Trustee Stallman
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS MAY 2023 – APPROVED
MOTION: Trustee Martinez
SECOND: Trustee Jablonowski
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI-
CATIONS President Matyas read a thank you card to the Board of Education from Jalynn Doig.

POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Edmondson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 7:13 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; contract negotiations regarding JCEA, JC building Administration and JC Confidentials; legal Concepcion Litigation, along with a personnel matter, specifically, the employment status of a particular employee.

The following attended Executive Session:

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

Also attending: Eric Race, Elisa Eaton, Joseph Guccia, Laurie Akulis

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Edmondson

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CSE/CPSE
RECOMMEND-
ATIONS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski

SECOND: Trustee Martinez

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

A. INSTRU-
TIONAL
REPORT

Mr. Joe Guccia reported on summer professional development, BT-BOCES Workshops, staffing update, Culinary Course, and the transitional A certificate

B. BOARD
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Culture & Climate Committee: The committee discussed their current status and where to go next. The steering committee is seeing growth and improvement, and suggest the goals fall within district committee goals moving forward.

Audit Committee: The committee met with auditors and discussed the mandatory external audit for 2022-2023. The audit will focus on school nutrition program and food programs along with Federal Funds if spending reaches the threshold. President Matyas spoke about an internal audit; use of the facilities and special programming. Areas to audit for 2023-2024 were discussed and two areas were selected: staff attendance and reliability for students performance and accountability.

- C. LEGAL ISSUES
-Deputy Treasurer
MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Stallman
Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the board approved the following:
RESOLVED, that Lisa Wascalis is appointed Deputy Treasurer.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Trustee Barrows
Abstain: (0) None
President Matyas declared the motion approved.
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- C. LEGAL ISSUES
- Reserves
MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Martinez
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the following:
RESERVES RESOLUTION
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the funding of the Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (A828) in the amount of \$350,734 to support future Teacher Retirement System (TRS) expense. Source of the funds is the Unassigned Fund Balance (A917).
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves funding of the Capital Reserve (A878) in an amount up to \$3,200,000 to offset the local share of future capital projects. Source of the funds is Unassigned Fund Balance (A917).
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Trustee Barrows
Abstain: (0) None
President Matyas declared the motion approved.
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- C. LEGAL ISSUES
- Budget Transfers
MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Administration, the Board approved the budget transfers.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Trustee Barrows
Abstain: (0) None
President Matyas declared the motion approved.
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D. CONTRACT AGREEMENTS 2023-24 MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following contract agreements:

- Lynette Shear – Summer 2023
- Denise Gillin – Summer 2023
- Procure 2023-2024 School Year Copy – Support Folder June 27, 2023

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

RESIGNATION

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Date
Franklin Sager	Math	High School	8/31/2023

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.
Maralee Bixby	Elementary	Childhood Ed. 1-6- Initial	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2027
Rebecca Kasperek	Special Ed.	Special Ed. – Perm.	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2026
Jennifer Wisnieski	Special Ed.	SWDIS 1-6 – Pro.	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2026

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Probationary Appt.
Jenna Mauro	Teaching Asst.	Teaching Asst. – Level I	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2027

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Effective Dates
Kendall Brzozowy	Elementary	Uncertified	9/5/2023 – 12/21/2023
Brittney Minutoli	Science	Chemistry 7-12, Initial	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

EVERYDAY SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Name	Certification/Location		Effective Dates
Robert Rogers	Uncertified	Elem./Middle (K-5)	9/5/2023 – 6/30/2024

F. PERSONNEL- MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Stallman
 NONINSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board

approved the following:

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Razyel Lui	Monitor, PT	Districtwide	6/15/23
Cathy Smith	Substitute Typist	Districtwide	6/30/23

**CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF 6/13/23
 CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION**

Name	From / To		Effect. Date
Rhona Schaeffer	Teacher Aide, PT	Teacher Aide, FT	6/15/23

APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Vanessa MacNorton	Software Support Spec., FT	Districtwide	7/10/23
Olivia Hagerman	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION

Name	From / To		Effective Date
Joseph Harendza	Cleaner (Split Shift)	Cleaner (1 st Shift)	7/14/23

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Michael Schieve	Cleaner, FT	Districtwide	6/24/23

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT PENDING CLEARANCE

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Gregg Whitney	Sub. Bus Monitor	Transportation	6/28/23

G. CONFERENCE MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Stallman
 REQUESTS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved:

Date(s)	Conference(s)	Attendee(s)
6/29/23	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention – Certification Renewal Program, DoubleTree, Binghamton, NY	M. Yagley (K-8) S. O’Donnell (MS)
8/7/23-8/9/23	Building the Foundations: Sequencing Music Literacy in Our Schools, Paul V. Moore High School, Syracuse, NY	J. Chudacik (HS)

H. FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Stallman

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

Date of Trip	Destination	Requesting Org./Group	Purpose
7/11/23-8/7/23 VAR. Dates	Art Therapy Vestal, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	Art Education & Wellness
7/13/23	Green's Field Park Johnson City, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	Field Trip
7/13/23-8/10/23 VAR. Dates	Ross Park Zoo Binghamton, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	Field Trip
7/14/23	CFJ Park Johnson City, NY	Cat Care G. Davis	Active Play in Community
7/20/23	IBI Group Binghamton, NY	Liberty Partnership Q. Pappadakis	Career Exploration
7/20/23	Little Martha Yoga Binghamton, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	Physical Health & Wellness
7/21/23	Cinema Saver Endicott, NY	Cat Care G. Davis	Movie Etiquette/Math Skills
7/25/23 & 7/27/23	Ramp It UP Johnson City, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	Physical Health & Wellness
7/28/23	Chenango Valley State Park Chenango Forks, NY	Cat Care G. Davis	Observe Nature/Physical Activity
7/28/23	National Soaring Museum Elmira, NY	Liberty Partnership Q. Pappadakis	Summer Program

H. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS CONT'D

Date of Trip	Destination	Requesting Org./Group	Purpose
8/1/23	Floral Park Johnson City, NY	Liberty Partnership Q. Pappadakis	Volunteer Work
8/1/23	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	College Tour
8/2/23	CHOW Binghamton, NY	Liberty Partnership Q. Pappadakis	Volunteer Work
8/4/23	Ross Park Zoo Binghamton, NY	Cat Care G. Davis	Field Trip
8/9/23	Susquehanna Valley HS Conklin, NY	Liberty Partnership B. Cruz	Volunteer Work
8/11/23	Buttermilk Falls Ithaca, NY	Liberty Partnership Q. Pappadakis	Summer Program
8/11/23	Ripics Carousel Lanes (Laurel Bowl) Binghamton, NY	Cat Care G. Davis	Bowling
8/18/23	Chuck E. Cheese Vestal, NY	Cat Care G. Davis	Field Trip

I. BUILDING & GROUNDS REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Stallman

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

Organization	Facility Requested	Timeframe	Purpose
JC Youth Football League	Green's Field & Concession	7/31/2023-10/31/2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Sun 5:00 – 8:00 PM M - F	Youth Football practices & games

- J. BOARD
OPEN
DISCUSSION
- Advisory Council update by Trustee Edmondson and Mr. Guccia.
They spoke about goals and what each building has been working on.
Both shared their honest reflections.
- Trustee Stallman spoke about the 8th grade moving up ceremony and dance being a nice night for all the students.
- Graduation Ceremony at the Binghamton University Event Center was very successful. A new venue will be selected for 2025 due to construction at Binghamton University.
- Trustee Edmondson asked about funding for music and cheer camps.
Superintendent Race stated we will need to look into them historically.
- K. VISITORS
- There were no visitors to speak.
- L. EXECUTIVE
SESSION
- MOTION: Trustee Stallman SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- The Board went into Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. to discuss Superintendent evaluation and goals.
The following attended Executive Session:
Board Members: Trustees Matyas, Farr, Jablonowski, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman
MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Martinez
SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.
- M. REGULAR
MEETING
ADJOURNED
- MOTION: Trustee Stallman SECOND: Trustee Martinez
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Laurie Akulis

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Board Clerk