

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – August 29, 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

President Matyas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Upon roll call,

Board Members present: Nicholas J. Matyas, President
 Stephen Barrows, Trustee
 Shannon Edmondson, Trustee
 Matthew Jablonowski, Trustee
 Richard G. Martinez, Trustee
 Amber Stallman, Trustee

Member absent Jeannette Farr, 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 Jalynn Doig, Interim Board Clerk.

POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Stallman
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 6:31 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss CPSE recommendations that are made part of the official minutes filed in the permanent record; negotiations, specifically, Superintendent’s and Assistant Superintendents’ contracts; a personnel issue, specifically, a particular employee’s employment status.

The following attended Executive Session: Trustees Matyas, Jablonowski, Barrows, Martinez, Edmondson, Stallman. Also attending: Eric Race, Joseph Guccia, Elisa Eaton, Jalynn Doig

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Barrows SECOND: Trustee Martinez
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 8/15/23 MINUTES: August 15, 2023 – Regular Meeting approved as presented.
REGULAR MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Martinez
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MIN. 8/22/23 MINUTES: August 22, 2023 – Special Meeting approved as presented.
SPECIAL MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL JUNE 2023 – APPROVED JULY 2023 APPROVED
STATEMENTS MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Stallman
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNI- There were no direct communications.
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REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CPSE MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
RECOMMEND- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ATIONS Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the CPSE recommendations.

A. INSTRUC- Mr. Guccia provided the board with an overview of summer professional
TIONAL development, summer enrichment and sports camps, and staffing for each
REPORT building.

B. BOARD Project Committee: The committee discussed possible future building project
COMMITTEE priorities, issues, and possible solutions.
REPORTS
Instruction/Curriculum Committee: The committee discussed the schedule for instructional reports and types of data that most interests the board.

C. LEGAL MOTION: Trustee Stallman SECOND: Trustee Martinez
ISSUES Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration,
- EPC Lease the Board approved the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Central School District, Broome County, New York (the "School District") has heretofore entered into an energy performance contract (the "EPC") with Trane for various equipment, as further described in the Scope of Work and Services attached to said EPC, for a total maximum estimated cost, of not to exceed \$2,195,217 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, to finance the cost of the Project, the School District has determined to seek proposals from parties interested in acting as lessor in a maximum fifteen year energy performance contract lease purchase agreement as authorized and defined under Article 9 of the Energy Law, and, as applicable, Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, Mills Capital Partners ("MCP") has submitted a proposal that provides the lowest financing cost to the School District; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to approve the financing of this Project, at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,195,217 and to authorize execution of a lease purchase agreement (the "LPA") with MCP, as lessor, or their representative or agent serving as lessor, for the financing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

LEGAL ISSUES (CONT'D).

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board to enter into the LPA in the maximum amount of \$2,195,217 at the rate and upon the terms as set forth in the proposal from MCP, subject to counsel approval of all documentation in connection therewith.

Section 2. In accordance with paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 of Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law, the School District's obligation under the LPA shall be subject to annual appropriation by the Board of Education of the School District as set forth in the LPA and the School District's obligation under the LPA shall not constitute a general obligation of the School District nor constitute indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

Section 3. It is therefore hereby further determined the term of the LPA authorized by this resolution will not exceed fifteen years, which is less than the reasonably expected aggregate average useful life of the objects or purposes subject to the EPC and does not exceed the term of the EPC in accordance with the requirements of Education Law Section 3602(6)(i)(5)(i).

Section 4. The President of the Board of Education as chief fiscal officer of the School District is hereby authorized, on behalf of the School District, to execute the LPA in order to finance the Project described in the preambles hereof. The President of the Board of Education is hereby further authorized to execute and deliver such additional documents, certificates, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as the President of the Board of Education, with advice of counsel, may deem necessary or appropriate in connection therewith and do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or appropriate for carrying out the transaction contemplated hereby.

Section 5. The President of the Board of Education is hereby further authorized, with the advice of counsel, to execute and deliver such agreements with a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in New York State to serve as escrow agent for the proceeds of the LPA, including amendments thereto, as may be necessary, in order to effectuate the financing of the Project.

Section 6. 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 Project described herein.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Farr

Abstain: (0) None

President Matyas declared the resolution adopted.

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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 . Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Transfers Ayes: (6) Trustees Matyas, Jablonowski, Barrows, Edmondson, Martinez, Stallman
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Trustee Farr
Abstain: (0) None
President Matyas declared the motion approved.
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- D. CONTRACT AGREEMENTS 2023-24
MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Stallman
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following contract agreements:
• Children’s Unit for Treatment and Evaluation
• UPK Agreement (Family Enrichment Network/Head Start)
• ProCare Therapy
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- E. JCEA CONTRACT
MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
RESOLVED, that the Johnson City Board of Education authorizes the funding necessary for the Memorandum of Agreement amending the negotiated contract with the Johnson City Employees Association, for salaries effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Matyas, Jablonowski, Barrows, Edmondson Martinez, Stallman
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Trustee Farr
Abstain: (0) None
President Matyas declared the resolution adopted.
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F. JCBAA CONTRACT MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Stallman
RESOLVED, that the Johnson City Board of Education authorizes the funding necessary for the Tentative Agreement amending the negotiated contract with the Johnson City Building Administrators Association, for salaries effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
 Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
 Ayes: (6) Trustees Matyas, Jablonowski, Barrows, Edmondson Martinez, Stallman
 Noes: (0) None
 Absent: (1) Trustee Farr
 Abstain: (0) None
President Matyas declared the resolution adopted.
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G. SCEP 2023-24 MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for 2023-24.

H. Central Treasurer MOTION: Trustee Martinez SECOND: Trustee Stallman
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the Central Treasurer for high school activity funds.

- Lisa Carlin (*effective 7/31/23*)

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

**CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF March 28, 2023
 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR REASON OF CHILD-REARING**

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Dates
Kimberly Smith	Elementary	Elem/Middle (3-5)	9/22/23 – 11/27/23

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Date
Anthony Darling	Teaching Assistant	Elem/Middle (3-5)	8/21/23
Kyle Legenhausen	N/A	High School	8/15/23
Brittney Minutoli	Science	Elem/Middle (6-8)	8/16/23

RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Date
Carla Paccio	Elementary	Elem/Middle (K-2)	12/31/23

I. PERSONNEL- INSTRUCTIONAL (CONT'D.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR REASON OF CHILD-REARING

Name	Tenure Area / Location		Effective Dates
Kelsey Perez	Elementary	Elem./Middle (3-5)	1/11/24- 3/15/24

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Name	Tenure Area / Certification		Effective Dates
Lindsey Branigan	Special Education	Uncertified	9/1/23-6/30/24
Theresa Brozovic	Health	Soc. Studies 7-12	9/1/23-6/30/24
Joseph Ferguson	Special Education	Uncertified	9/1/23-6/30/24
Kurt Hoover	Science	Generalist Middle Childhood (Gr. 5-9), Initial	9/1/23-6/30/24
Hannah Palmer	Elementary	Uncertified	10/2/2-1/2/24
Michael Sansevero	Library Media Spec.	Uncertified	9/1/23-6/30/24
Tristan Tash	Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	9/1/23-6/30/24

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

***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 ratings 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.
Jennifer Heggelke	Science	Biology 7-12, Internship	9/1/23-6/30/27

COACHING APPOINTMENTS 2023 - 2024

Name	Position
Amanda Mauro	Assistant Girls Soccer
Chris Sinicki	Interim Head Girls Basketball

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Name	Position
AJ Darling	Assistant Girls Soccer
Chase Harrington	Assistant Boys Lacrosse

J. PERSONNEL- NONINSTRUCTIONAL

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND: Trustee Stallman

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

RESIGNATION

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
James Barvinchak	Substitute Bus Monitor	Transportation	8/24/23

J. PERSONNEL- NONINSTRUCTIONAL (CONT'D.)

APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Jahmad Patterson	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Harley Smith	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Nyema Lyons	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Abigail Rice	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Bridgette Canini	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Katy Skinner	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Steven Best	Sub. Bus Monitor	Transportation	8/30/23
Sharon Figueroa-Hernandez	Sub. Bus Monitor	Transportation	8/30/23
Gary Shay	Monitor, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Tabitha Powell	Sub. Bus Monitor	Transportation	8/30/23
Scott Brazen	Sub. Bus Driver/Mechanic	Transportation	9/1/23
Olaf Langlie	Sub. Bus Driver	Transportation	8/30/23
Jasmine Perry	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Jodi Stratton	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Karen Bixby	Temporary Typist	Districtwide	8/30/23

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPTS. PENDING CLEARANCE

Name	Position / Location		Effective Date
Nancy Boutsady	Monitor, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Taylor James	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23
Brittany Abbott	Teacher Aide, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	Position / Location		Effective Dates
Melissa Revette	Food Service Worker, PT	Districtwide	9/5/23 – 8/31/24

K. CONFERENCE REQUESTS

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Date(s)	Conference(s)	Attendee(s)
10/16 – 10/17/2023	NYSCOSS Collaborative Retreat Harbor Hotel; Watkins Glen, NY	E. Race (Supt.)
10/25 – 10/26/2023	NYSSBA Annual Conference Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Buffalo, NY	E. Race (Supt.)

L. BUILDING & GROUND REQUESTS

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

Organization	Facility Requested	Timeframe	Purpose
Good News Club	Elem. Library	9/28 – 11/16/2023 1/18 – 3/07/2024 3:20 – 4:50 PM	Club
JC Community Action Team (CAT Care)	K-8 Café LGI 247	09/07/2023 - End of Year M - F 6:45am – 9:00 AM & 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Before/After School Program
JC Soccer Association	MS Lower Field	8/30 – 10/28/2023 M – F 4:00 – 7:00 PM Sat. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Youth Soccer

M. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

The board discussed the possibility of a board work session to refocus on goals and action items. They also discussed the inclusion of language regarding the usual employer-paid health and dental benefits on job postings to attract applicants. Superintendent Race reported that 23 coaches attended the “Coaching Her Future” event at Dick’s House of Sport on August 28 which focused on how best to develop the female athlete. He also spoke about the high-quality professional development summit provided to teaching staff August 29 -30.

N. VISITORS

There were no visitors that wished to speak.

O. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED

MOTION: Trustee Jablonowski SECOND: Trustee Edmondson
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Jalynn Doig
 Jalynn Doig
 Interim Board Clerk