

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 – BUSH SCHOOL LEARNING
CENTER

Members Present: Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf.

Members Present By
Means of Audio/Visual
Conference: None.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Superintendent, Dr. D. Johnson; Business Manager, Mr. D. Lawson; Curriculum Director, Mr. D. Straight; High School Principal, Mr. K. Shelton; Bush School Principal, Mrs. M. Junge; Ringwood School Principal, Mrs. C. Neiss; Student Services Director, Mr. R. Schisler; Director of Technology, Mr. R. Gravel; Bush School Teachers, Ms. J. Bardell, Ms. T. Moore and Ms. S. Helfand (from 7:25 until 8:20 p.m.); Citizen, Ms. L. Ward (until 7:25 p.m.); Citizen Mr. S. Rooney; Minute Recorder, Ms. B. Seger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Wolf at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call. The roll call found Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley and Mr. M. Wolf present. Absent: None.

CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- February 22, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- February 22, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting

It was moved by Mr. G. Barla and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 Board of Education meeting and the February 22, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session meeting as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals received Board recognition and commendation:

- High School Musical – Guys and Dolls – Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to join with him in commending the cast, crew and directors, Paul Hanrahan, Roger Zawacki and David Smith, for their hard work in the production of the successful High School musical, *Guys and Dolls*.
- JEPF – 18th Annual “Shooting for the Stars” Gala – The Board joined with Dr. D. Johnson in commending the Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation on the outstanding job they did in planning and preparing for the successful 18th annual Gala. He also noted that Board members, Mrs. M. Tinsley and Mrs. M. Martin, should be included in the commendation for the large amount of time they spent planning for the event.
- JHS Fine Arts Department - Bowl O’ Arts – The Board commended the High School Fine Arts Department for their efforts in regards to the recent Bowl O’ Arts event where the day was filled with good food, fine entertainment and art displays.
- Melissa Dixon and the JHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team – Mr. K. Shelton asked the Board to join with him in commending Melissa Dixon for being named to the Associated Press’ All-State first team for Class 3A, being selected as the Northwest Herald Girls Basketball Player of the Year and for becoming McHenry County’s all-time scorer for boys or girls basketball. He also asked the Board to commend Coach Mike Toussaint, the assistant coaches and the entire Girls Varsity Basketball Team for their successful season in which they won their sixth consecutive regional championship.

AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mrs. L. Ward addressed the Board to relate to them the positive reaction her freshman daughter had from her involvement in the recent breakdown activity held at the High School. Mr. K. Shelton gave the Board a detailed description of the breakdown activity that was created years ago by teacher, Mr. R. Bailey and passed on to teacher, Ms. M. Peters this year. Mr. S. Rooney reported that his senior daughter also had a positive experience during the activity.

APPROVE MARCH 2011 BILLS

Mr. D. Lawson answered questions from the Board regarding a few bills.

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to approve the March 2011 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$304,379.62; O & M Fund, \$38,766.11; Transportation Fund, \$42,122.56 and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$58,468.50 as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COUNCILS

Elementary Advisory – No report at this time.

Junior High School Advisory – No report at this time.

High School Advisory Council – No report at this time.

High School Technology Advisory Council – No report at this time.

MAYC – Mr. R. Schisler reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included budget and funding issues.

PTO – Mrs. M. Junge reported on the recent meeting where a new vendor presented alternative fundraiser ideas.

SEDOM – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting which was held at the New Beginnings School and included a tour of the facility and reports from the students who currently attend the alternative school.

Foundation – No report at this time.

Tech Campus – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting which included a presentation from the College of Lake County regarding the programs they offer.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(Note that at 7:25 p.m. the meeting was moved to the gymnasium for the Bush School Presentation.)

BUSH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mrs. M. Junge began the presentation by welcoming the Board to Bush School and explaining that several staff and students would be assisting her in the presentation focusing on the use of digital resources in the classroom. She used a PowerPoint presentation to help illustrate the changes that have been made in today's classrooms.

Ms. J. Bardell and Ms. T. Moore reported on virtual field trips and gave examples of several trips the students have taken. They also reported on the increased use of classroom websites and the advantages they provide for parents and students. Ms. S. Helfand reported on video conferencing and gave the Board a demonstration of Skyping by having several students reporting from Ms. D. Leathers' classroom. The students gave reports on why they like the use of Skyping.

Ms. M. Junge concluded the presentation by discussing the future use of technology in the building and by thanking Mr. R. Gravel and Mr. T. Schwartz for their assistance with technology

(Note that at 8:20 p.m. the meeting was moved back to the Learning Center for the remaining agenda items)

RESOLUTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING

Dr. D. Johnson reviewed the resolution that would be required for the potential administrative restructuring that is being considered which would involve reducing one administrative position at the High School from a 12-month to a 10-month position.

IASA/IASB JOINT RESOLUTION ON CONSOLIDATION

The Board discussed the issue of forced school consolidation that is currently being discussed by the state legislators and the governor.

ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS PRICING

Mr. D. Lawson discussed the issue of electric and natural gas pricing with the Board and noted that after working with different organizations he expected to be able to secure prices that would be significantly lower for next year.

Mr. D. Lawson also discussed that there would be a strong possibility that, due to the delay in state funding, the district would need to look into tax anticipated warrants once again this year. He noted that he would be bringing additional information to the Finance Committee meeting on March 15th. Mr. D. Lawson also noted that due the short timeline the matter would probably be brought before the Board for approval at the March 22nd Board meeting.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dr. D. Johnson reported to the Board that the district received a Freedom of Information Request which was promptly complied with.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There will be a Finance Committee meeting on March 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior High North Learning Center.
- The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd in the Junior High North Learning Center.
- Dr. D. Johnson notified the Board that the Staff Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 16th at Maravela's in Fox Lake.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:45 PM – 10:20 PM

It was moved by Mr. T. Low and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to go into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or office and student issue. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mr. G. Barla to come out of Closed Session at 10:20 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the employment of Shannon Del Re as assistant girls soccer co-coach at the stipend level category FF step 1 and Melissa Kolba as assistant girls soccer co-coach at the stipend level category FF step 1 on the 2010-11 athletic extra duty salary schedule at the High School for the 2010-11 school year. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the maternity requests of two staff members. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:23 PM

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mr. G. Barla to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. M. Wolf. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.