

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 – JAMES C. BUSH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

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

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; Junior High School Principal, Mrs. N. Hurckes; James C. Bush School Principal, Ms. M. Junge; Ringwood School Principal, Mrs. C. Neiss; Student Services Director, Mr. R. Schisler; Director of Technology, Mr. R. Gravel; District Staff Members, Ms. C. Bauer, Ms. S. Hesemann, Ms. J. Pieper, Mr. P. Hanrahan (until 7:20 p.m.); District Students, Ms. E. Prouty, Ms. H. Shaffer, Ms. J. Hanrahan, Ms. M. Cronin (until 7:20 p.m.); Minute Recorder, Ms. B. Seger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Low at 7:03 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. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley present. Absent: None.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION TO ADD TO AGENDA

Mr. T. Low asked if there were any discussion topics to be added to the evening's agenda. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed not to add any topics to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mr. S. Rowe to approve the agenda as presented with no additions. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: None.

WELCOME TO JAMES C. BUSH SCHOOL

Ms. M. Junge welcomed the Board to James C. Bush School and noted that she would be highlighting the improvements that were done to the building over the summer during the commendation portion of the agenda.

CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- September 19, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting
- September 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- September 27, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting

It was noted by Mrs. M. Martin that there was an error in the date listed in the paragraph regarding the District Improvement Plan in the September 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting minutes. It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011 Finance Committee meeting and the September 27, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session meeting as presented and the September 27, 2011 Board of Education meeting as amended. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Abstain: Mr. G. Barla. Mr. S. Rowe voted to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 Finance Committee meeting and abstained from voting on the minutes of the September 27th Board of Education meeting and the September 27th Board of Education Closed Session meeting. Absent: None. Motion carried.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Jon Hanrahan – National Merit Scholarship Program – Mr. K. Shelton asked the Board to join with him in commending High School student Jon Hanrahan for being named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Since the student was unable to attend the meeting Mr. T. Low presented a certificate and district frisbee to his father, Mr. P. Hanrahan.

- James C. Bush School Beautification – Ms. M. Junge gave the Board a brief report on the improvements that were made to the James C. Bush School building over the summer and thanked all of the staff, students and parents that were responsible including Angie Flebbe, Elizabeth Prouty, Haley Shaffer, Stephanie Flebbe, Caitlin Flebbe, Samantha Buerer, Cassandra Flebbe, Jodie Hanrahan, Meghan Cronin, Chris Bauer, Jennifer Bardell, Sara Hesemann, Arianna Hesemann, Nici Prejna, Bob Prejna, Corey Prejna, Judy Pieper and Jan Laurine. The Board presented certificates and district frisbees and mugs to those who were present at the meeting.

- JHS Homecoming 2011 – The Board joined with Mr. K. Shelton in commending CARES, their sponsors Judy Krueger and Larry Zimmerman and the class sponsors, Jim Toomey, Chris O’Niel, Jennifer Weber and Jamie Uthe for the fine job they did in organizing the very successful Homecoming week activities.
- PTO – Junior High Teen Night – Mrs. N. Hurckes asked the Board to join with her in commending the PTO for organizing the first of four scheduled Junior High Teen Nights which was held on September 30th.
- Seventh Grade Springfield Trip – The Board joined with Mrs. N. Hurckes in commending Kathy Ort for organizing and Sandra Saylor and Brad Winn for chaperoning the recent seventh grade Springfield trip.
- International Walk to School Day – Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to join with him in commending the district, Village of Johnsburg and Johnsburg Police Department staff members who organized and participated in the annual International Walk to School Day on October 5th.
- JHS Skyhawk Carving “Preparing for Flight” – The Board commended Kevin Shelton, CARES and the PTO for doing their part to arrange and fund the project to create the carving of a Skyhawk from the trunk of the willow tree in the front of the High School that was damaged during a summer storm.
- JHS Staff Flash Mob – The Board commended all of the High School staff members who participated in the “flash mob” during the Homecoming Pep Assembly and Ashley Weltler for choreographing and organizing the activity.
- JHS Soccer Team – Mrs. K. Baird asked the Board to join with her in commending the High School Boys Soccer Team for their positive actions during the Homecoming parade when they recognized former soccer coach/High School teacher Sharal Johnson for her support of the soccer program as they passed her in the parade.

AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

There were no citizens to speak at this time.

APPROVE OCTOBER 2011 BILLS

Mr. D. Lawson highlighted a few of the bills and answered questions from the Board regarding various bills.

It was moved by Mr. G. Barla and seconded by Mr. S. Rowe to approve the October 2011 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$692,830.36; O & M Fund, \$89,380.80; Bond & Interest Fund, \$1,292.30; Transportation Fund, \$46,996.42 and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$58,682.07 as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COUNCILS

Elementary Advisory – No report at this time.

Junior High School Advisory – Mrs. N. Hurckes reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the Rachel’s Challenge program.

High School Advisory Council – No report at this time.

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

MAYC – Mrs. K. Baird and Mr. R. Schisler reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the upcoming Red Ribbon Week activities.

PTO – Mrs. M. Junge and Mrs. C. Neiss reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the upcoming Halloween Dance and the continuing need for volunteers.

SEDOM – No report at this time.

Foundation – No report at this time.

Tech Campus – No report at this time.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

JHS DONATION APPROVAL

Mr. K. Shelton reported to the Board that Prem Magnetics had recently donated a Ford Ranger truck to the High School auto classes. He noted that the truck was in good condition and could potentially be used by the district. The Board asked for information on the appraised value of the vehicle prior to the October 25th Board meeting where the donation will be presented for formal approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

After a brief discussion, the Board confirmed their decision to move forward with the planning of the community forum in January to present district updates and obtain community feedback. Dr. D. Johnson noted that he would bring tentative dates for the forum to the next Board meeting and a tentative rough draft of the presentation to a future Board meeting.

DISTRICT CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Mr. D. Straight used a PowerPoint presentation to give the Board a summary regarding curriculum in the district. He highlighted each of the district's curriculum goals including the Common Core State Standards, common assessments, RtI, data-driven decisions, Professional Learning Communities, technology in the classroom and professional development. Mr. D. Straight concluded his presentation by commending the administrative team and district staff members for their fine efforts, which has allowed the district to continue to move forward in the area of curriculum.

IASB TRAINING REVIEW

The Board reviewed the recent IASB training that they completed at the September 13th Board meeting. Mr. T. Low encouraged the Board to complete the survey regarding the training and the Board agreed that they should continue the process with the Board Governance Review in six to nine months.

ACTION ITEMS

PROPOSED 2011-12 DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. D. Johnson presented the 2011-12 District Improvement Plan, which was reviewed at previous Board meetings.

It was moved by Mr. G. Barla and seconded by Mr. S. Rowe to approve the 2011-12 District Improvement Plan as presented. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting would be on October 25, 2011 in the Johnsborg Junior High School North Learning Center.
- Dr. D. Johnson also reminded the Board that there would be a Board Policy Committee meeting on October 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.
- The Board was notified that the annual MAYC Red Ribbon Week would be taking place during the week of October 24th with the kick-off event being held on October 14th.
- Dr. D. Johnson reminded the Board that the annual IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference would be taking place on November 18th through the 20th. He noted that, although reservations were made for the full Board, he would like the Board to check their calendars to see if they will be able to attend. The Board was also reminded that if they would like to attend a pre-conference workshop they should let the administrative office know so reservations could be made for them.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:30 PM – 8:34 PM

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to go into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer and Review of Closed Session Minutes. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mr. G. Barla to come out of Closed Session at 8:34 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

After the review in Closed Session of the Closed Session Minutes from March 15, 2011 through September 13, 2011, it was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to maintain as closed all minutes previously noted as closed and not release any of the newly reviewed Closed Session minutes based on the confidential nature of the material included in them and to approve the destruction of all Closed Session audiotapes eighteen months or older. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 PM

It was moved by Mr. G. Barla and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Melissa Tinsley, Secretary

Thomas Low, President