

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011 – JOHNSBURG JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL NORTH LEARNING CENTER

Members Present: Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley (7:07 p.m. onward).

Members Present By  
Means of Audio/Visual  
Conference:

Mr. S. Rooney.

Members Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Tinsley (until 7:07 p.m.).

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; Citizen, Mr. R. Warden; High School Students, Ms. J. Brockway, Ms. C. Hurckes, Ms. A. Lindal and Mr. A. Smith (until 7:12 p.m.), Minute Recorder, Ms. B. Seger.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Low at 7:04 p.m. and proceeded with roll call. The roll call found Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney (via audio/visual conference), Mr. S. Rowe present. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Tinsley.

#### 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. The Board agreed not to add any topics to the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mr. S. Rooney to approve the agenda as presented. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Tinsley.

#### CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- October 11, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- October 11, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Board of Education meeting and the October 11, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session meeting as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Abstain: Mrs. M. Tinsley. Absent: Mr. G. Barla. Motion carried.

#### COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- JHS Student Aaron Smith – Chicago Bulls and Bears Drum Lines – Mr. K. Shelton introduced Aaron Smith to the Board and asked them to join with him in commending Aaron for being selected to play the cymbals in the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Bears Drum Lines. Mr. T. Low presented him with a certificate and district frisbee.

- Jori Brockway and Chloe Hurckes – HOBY Award Recipients – Mr. K. Shelton introduced High School students Jori Brockway and Chloe Hurckes to the Board and asked the Board to join him in commending them for being selected as this year's Hugh O'Brien Award Recipients from Johnsburg High School. The Board congratulated and presented certificates and district frisbees to both students.

- Nickolas Schnell – National Merit Semifinalist – The Board joined with Mr. K. Shelton in commending High School senior Nickolas Schnell for being named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

- Andrea Lindal – Girls Golf State Qualifier – Mr. K. Shelton introduced High School senior Andrea Lindal to the Board and asked them to join with him in commending Andrea for her excellent season which culminated with her becoming the first Johnsburg High School girls golfer to qualify for the state tournament. Mr. T. Low presented her with a certificate and district Frisbee.

- All-District Band and Choral Concerts – The Board commended directors, Joyce Beernink, Sue Childress, Anthony Graffeo and David Smith, as well as all the band and choral students, for their fine performances in the recent All-District Band and Choral Concerts.

- Mike Heimerdiner – Former JHS Football Coach – Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to join with him in commending former High School football coach Mike Heimerdinger for his contribution to the district in starting the football program at the High School. He noted that Mr. Heimerdinger, who went on to coach at the college and professional level and earned two Super Bowl rings, had unfortunately recently passed away from cancer.

## AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

There were no citizens to speak at this time.

## APPROVE OCTOBER END-OF-MONTH 2011 BILLS

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

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to approve the October end-of-month 2011 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$309,241.98; O & M Fund, \$43,166.84; Bond & Interest Fund, \$1,506.30; Transportation Fund, \$58,814.15 and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$21,332.38 as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla. 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 – Mr. K. Shelton reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included homecoming activities, work keys certificates, ACT preparations and lunch issues.

High School Technology Advisory Council – Mr. K. Shelton reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the cooperative program with local businesses that is being explored.

MAYC – No report at this time.

PTO – No report at this time.

SEDOM – No report at this time.

Foundation – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included final plans for the upcoming Casino Night event.

Tech Campus – No report at this time.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT/FIRST READING OF UPDATED BOARD POLICIES

Mrs. K. Baird reported on the Board Policy Committee meeting held just prior to the Board meeting where the committee reviewed the IASB Press Plus suggestions for updates to certain existing Board policies. She noted that the committee recommended the updating of policies 1:10, 2:10, 2:125, 3:10 and 3:70 as suggested by the IASB. She reported that after reviewing two other Board policies, the committee recommended the updating of policy 1:30 to include the new district mission statement and policy 2:220 with the word "unanimous" changed to "majority".

Mrs. K. Baird reported that the committee also reviewed the IASB recommendation for new policy 5:125, which involves personal technology and social media and recommended that the full Board adopt the policy after it has been reviewed and approved by the district's attorney.

After the Board briefly discussed the committee's suggestions, Mrs. K. Baird noted that this meeting would be considered the first reading of the new and updated policies and that they would be presented at the next Board meeting for second reading and formal approval.

### STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY FORUM DATES

The Board agreed to hold the first community forum on January 26, 2012 with an alternative date of February 6, 2012 as they were the only dates without other district activities scheduled. The Board also briefly discussed name options for the event and the need for fliers to be developed prior to the upcoming parent teacher conferences.

### WORKERS COMPENSATION DISCUSSION

Mr. D. Lawson reported to the Board that, due to recent cost increases, the district would like to explore alternative options for their workers compensation insurance. He noted that the resolution required for the district to withdraw from SELF, the current cooperative program, would be presented to the Board for approval at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

*(Note that at 7:30 p.m. the meeting was moved to the computer lab for the following presentation)*

#### STATE REPORT CARD – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. D. Straight used a PowerPoint presentation and a Smart Board with responders to present information on the State Report Cards and School Improvement Plans. He passed out the responders to the Board and had them answer various questions throughout the presentation to demonstrate how the technology is used in the classroom. Mr. D. Straight briefly highlighted the new State Report Cards and explained the data that is included in the reports. He noted to the Board that the district had made Adequate Yearly Progress for the 2010-11 school year. He also noted that the report cards will be posted on the district website and a more detailed presentation will be presented as part of the Educational Audit at the November 8th Board meeting.

Mr. D. Straight reported on the School Improvement Plans, the process that was used to develop them and the activities being used to implement the plans to accomplish the goals included in them. The building principals, Mr. K. Shelton, Mrs. N. Hurckes, Ms. M. Junge and Mrs. C. Neiss, concluded the report by giving the Board a brief report on the process each of their building's used to create their School Improvement Plans.

*(Note that at 8:18 p.m. the meeting was moved back to the North Learning Center for the remaining agenda items)*

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### JHS DONATION APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. S. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to accept the donation from Prem Magnetics of a Ford Ranger truck with a fair market value of \$3,200 to the High School auto classes. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla. Motion carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board was reminded that there will be a School Operations Committee meeting on November 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Board was also reminded that the next regular Board meeting will be on November 8, 2011 in the Johnsborg Junior High School North Learning Center.
- Mr. T. Low notified the Board that the JHS play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, will be performed on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. T. Low also notified the Board that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual JEPF Casino Night will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- After a brief discussion, Mrs. M. Martin agreed to write the Board article for the next issue of Info 12.
- Mr. T. Low asked the Board if they had any comments or concerns regarding the resolutions that would be addressed at the upcoming annual IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference. The Board had no issues regarding any of the resolutions.

#### ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 PM

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla. Motion carried.