

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 – D12 CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, Mr. T. Oeffling.

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Superintendent, Dr. D. Johnson; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. A. Mulvaney; Curriculum Director, Mrs. D. Barrett, Student Services Director, Mrs. F. Milewski; High School Principal, Mr. K. Shelton; High School Assistant Principal, Mrs. J. Master; Junior High School Principal, Dr. J. Pearce; Junior High School Assistant Principal, Mr. B. Winn; Elementary School Principal, Dr. B. Belcastro; Ringwood School Primary Center Principal, Dr. M. Furlong; Director of Operations, Mr. T. Schwartz; Athletic Director, Mr. R. Knar; Byrne & Jones Sports Construction Representative, Mr. J. Simpson; Musco Lighting Representative, Mr. D. Miller; Minute Recorder, Mrs. A. Morin.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. T. Oeffling at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with a roll call. The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. T. Oeffling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION TO ADD TO AGENDA

Mr. T. Oeffling asked if there were any discussion topics to be added to the agenda. The Board agreed not to add any topics to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. J. Barrett and seconded by Mrs. C. Neiss to approve the agenda as presented. “Ayes”: All. “Nays”: None. Absent: None.

CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- January 23, 2024 Board of Education Meeting
- January 23, 2024 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting
- February 13, 2024 Joint Board/JTO Meeting
- February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

It was moved by Mrs. C. Neiss and seconded by Mrs. C. Eastland to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Board of Education open and closed session meetings; February 13, 2024 Joint Board/JTO meeting, and February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Abstained: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

COMMENDATIONS

McHenry VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award - Rob Eastland

Mr. K. Shelton recognized JHS Social Science Teacher, Mr. R. Eastland, on receiving the McHenry VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. He added this award demonstrates Mr. Eastland's promotion of citizenship education, as well as community involvement, innovation in the classroom and dedication to students, not just at JHS, but throughout McHenry County.

JHS Play - *The Odd Couple*

The entire student cast, both on stage and behind the scenes were commended by Mrs. J. Master for their outstanding efforts in the winter production of *The Odd Couple*, along with the play directors, Mr. M. Cherwin, Mr. A. Gomez, and Mr. G. Schmid. Mrs. J. Master expressed how wonderful these students are at juggling their academic responsibilities and other commitments throughout the school year while also dedicating their time to rehearsals and preparations for the play's overall success.

JES Spelling Bee

Dr. B. Belcastro commended all participants, including the winners and the staff members who contributed to organizing and facilitating the annual JES spelling bee. She introduced to the Board, Jameson Murray, a 5th grader, who was JES's building champion and Caitlyn Calderwood who was the 3rd grade champion. Dr. B. Belcastro noted that although they were unable to attend she still wanted to acknowledge Kammeran Swann, a 4th grader, and Jacob Berridge, a 3rd grader both for achieving runners-up status. She also thanked the JES staff members for their assistance and organization of this annual event. The JES staff members included Mrs. L. Oliver, Mrs. A. Braun, Ms. S. Mack, Mrs. T. Barger Ancog, Mr. D. Perso, Ms. J. Lettner, Ms. D. Muchova, Ms. G. Crook, Ms. L. Thompson, Ms. C. Bagby, and Mrs. D. Mendralla, along with Mrs. O. Marsala who was in attendance. The Board congratulated the students who were able to attend, and thanked Mrs. O. Marsala with a commendation award and certificate.

Second Quarter Honor Roll Students

The Board and Dr. D. Johnson extended their congratulations to those Johnsbury Junior High School and Johnsbury High School students for earning placement on the honor roll for the second quarter.

Illinois Principal Association Elementary Principal of the Year Award - Dr. Bridget Belastro

The Board and Dr. D. Johnson added a commendation to congratulate Dr. B. Belcastro on being named the Illinois Principal Association's Elementary Principal of the Year. This award recognizes her outstanding efforts in fostering a nurturing learning environment and prioritizing the growth of every student. Dr. D. Johnson thanked Dr. Belcastro for her unwavering dedication and devotion to her students, staff and community.

AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mr. T. Oeffling, the Board President, reviewed the structure for Citizen's Time to Speak, noting that the district policy 2:230 will be followed. He further explained the policy states when addressing the Board that the Board will not respond, to conduct oneself in a professional manner and each citizen will be allowed a timed five minutes. He continued by opening the floor for the citizens in attendance to address the Board.

There were no citizens to speak.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 2024 BILLS

Mrs. A. Mulvaney highlighted the bills with the Board, as well as answered several questions.

It was moved by Mrs. V. Klos and seconded by Mrs. M. Germann to approve the February 2024 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$774,678.83; O&M Fund, \$182,707.48; Transportation Fund, \$106,705.83; and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$81,750.44 as presented. The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COUNCILS

Ringwood Educational Advisory Council - Dr. M. Furlong provided the Board with a quick overview of the most recent PAC meeting hosted at Ringwood. She shared that the fine arts program was reviewed and an early education singer James Tealy provided information to the families who attended.

JES Educational Advisory Council - Dr. B. Belcastro stated the main focus of the JES PAC meeting was on how to assist families with social media issues at home and expressed her thanks to the tech department on creating an informative handout to be shared.

JJHS Educational Advisory Council – The JJHS PAC meeting was reviewed by Dr. J. Pearce who highlighted that the main point of the meeting was on mental health and stress anxiety of students.

High School Advisory Council – No report at this time.

High School Technology Advisory Council – Mr. K. Shelton thanked JHS Guidance Counselor, Mr. T. Haurrum for his continued partnership and relationships in getting surrounding business involved with the JHS tech department and the benefits they provide the students.

SEDOM – No report at this time.

PTO – Dr. B. Belcastro highlighted the summary of the successful Stories with Santa, and Daddy Daughter Dance, and shared that the Readathon would start as of this Friday, and the planning for the Mother Son event was underway.

Tech Campus – No report at this time.

Foundation – Dr. D. Johnson and Mrs M. Michel reviewed the successful winter tasting event that was jointly hosted with the District Music Boosters sharing that the revenue doubled compared to previous years.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

JHS Outdoor Facility Update

Mrs. A. Mulvaney, Mr. T. Schwartz, Mr. J. Simpson from Byrne and Jones and Dr. D. Johnson provided an update of the JHS outdoor facilities upgrades. Mr. J. Simpson provided an overview of the current site plans, along with the status and schedule of the entire project. The group continued by highlighting the submittals of the bleacher shop and football field turf shop drawings, as well as photos of the track equipment. The Board and the team held a discussion regarding the different colored lines on the football turf field. Mr. R. Knar added that he had met with the soccer coaches to confirm the field measurement markings for the football turf field. They also provided updates on the press box for soccer, press box for baseball, softball, and tennis, as well as walkway and sidewalk layouts. Mr. T. Schwartz, along with Mr. D. Miller from Musco Lighting, reviewed the information provided within the Musco colored lighting proposal. Mrs. A. Mulvaney continued with highlighting the financial aspect of the project with the round one and round two of the series 2024 debt certificates. The donation portion was reviewed by Mr. T. Schwartz with details regarding Prairie Path Water. Mrs. A. Mulvaney concluded the presentation by reviewing the groundbreaking that took place Monday, February 26th.

Series 2023 Refunding Excess Escrow Transfer Resolution

Mrs. A. Mulvaney reviewed with the Board information regarding the resolution that was previously presented at the February Committee of the Whole meeting that would allow transferring excess interest that were generated during the 2014A bond refunding that would be transferred between district funds to be used to support capital projects.

District Donations

Mrs. A. Mulvaney highlighted the following District donations and noted that a memo was included in the Board materials. She shared that this informational item would be presented for approval during the action portion of this meeting and shared the following donations with the Board:

- Johnsborg Educational Partnership Foundation (JEPF) made a mini grant donation to Johnsborg Junior High School. The mini grant was requested by LC Director, Mrs. K. Reinhard in the amount of \$939.47 for the purchase of Scholastic Bowl supplies.
- Genoa City Travel Center made a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Johnsborg Elementary School Learning Center to help support the Secret Reader Society.
- Johnsborg Lions Club agreed to match up to \$5,000 a year for five years, as funding permits, towards the Johnsborg High School auditorium and/or theater technical equipment for lighting and sound. Mrs. A. Mulvaney added the district is now in receipt of \$5,000 donated as a match for the FY24 school year and is in addition to the \$5,000 donated for each of the FY22 and FY23 school years.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mrs. A. Mulvaney notified the Board that within their Board materials is a detailed memo summarizing the received FOIA requests and noted that the requests were complied with.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution directing the transfer of \$124,313.09 from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and then to the Capital Projects Fund of the District

Board President, Mr. T. Oeffling read aloud the Resolution directing the transfer of \$124,313.09 from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and then to the Capital Projects Fund of the District was reviewed during the informational portion of this meeting and presented during the February Committee of the Whole meeting. It was moved by Mrs. M. Michel and seconded by Mrs. V. Klos to approve the resolution as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. "Nays": None Absent: None. Motion carried.

JHS Outdoor Facility Upgrade - Musco Lighting Proposal

It was moved by Mrs. V. Klos and seconded by Mrs. C. Neiss to approve the JHS Outdoor Facility Upgrade with the Musco Lighting Proposal with the color package that was reviewed during the February Committee of the Whole meeting, as well as during the information portion of this meeting. On roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Solicitation of Bids for the JHS Voc Ed Wing Roof Replacement

It was moved by Mrs. C. Neiss and seconded by Mrs. C. Eastland to approve the Solicitation of Bids for the JHS Voc Ed Wing Roof Replacement that was reviewed during the informational portion of this meeting and presented during the February Committee of the Whole meeting. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, Mr. T. Oeffling. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Solicitation of Bids for the 3-8 Campus East Driveway and Tennis Court Resurfacing

It was moved by Mrs. V. Klos and seconded by Mrs. M. Germann to approve the Solicitation of Bids for the 3-8 Campus East Driveway and Tennis Court Resurfacing that was reviewed during the informational portion of this meeting and presented during the February Committee of the Whole meeting. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, Mr. T. Oeffling. "Nays": None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

District Donations

It was moved by Mrs. C. Neiss and seconded by Mrs. M. Micheal to approve the District donations as presented. “Ayes”: All. “Nays”: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Board of Education Meeting on March 19th, 2024 located in the D12 Conference Room

CLOSED SESSION – 7:54PM – 8:14PM

It was moved by Mr. J. Barrett and seconded by Mrs. C. Neiss to go into Closed Session at 7:54 p.m. regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and Collective Bargaining. The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Michel and seconded by Mrs. V. Klos to come out of Closed Session at 8:14 p.m. The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present.

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mrs. C. Eastland and seconded by Mrs. M. Germann to approve the personnel report as presented which included the hiring of:

Katie Schaaf as a Paraprofessional with a salary of \$14.00 per hour
Keven Garcia as a Paraprofessional with a salary of \$14.00 per hour
Violet Butcher as a Paraprofessional with a salary of \$14.25 per hour

The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Mr. J. Barrett and seconded by Mrs. C. Neiss to accept the FMLA request that was submitted by a staff member. On roll call vote, “Ayes”: Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Michel and seconded by Mr. J. Barrett to accept the three staff member resignation letters. On roll call vote, “Ayes”: Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. C. Neiss and seconded by Mrs. V. Klos to accept the recommendation of creating a summer school principal position. On roll call vote, “Ayes”: Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:17 PM

It was moved by Mr. J. Barrett and seconded by Mrs. C. Neiss to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The roll call found Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. C. Eastland, Mrs. M. Germann, Mrs. V. Klos, Mrs. M. Michel, Mrs. C. Neiss, and Mr. T. Oeffling present. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meghan Michel, Secretary

Tom Oeffling, President