

The Regular Meeting of the Johnsonburg Area School District Board of Education was held Thursday, February 10, 2022 beginning at 6:30 PM with the following directors in attendance: D. Allegretto, J. Carnovale, C. Christoff, T. Crowe, R. Miller, S. Grunthner, B. Thorwart, Dr. A. Leslie, and N. Zimmerman. Administration was represented by K. Haberberger, R. Kelly, K. Vollmer, and J. Allegretto. G. Luhr, Board Secretary, L. Benson, Board Treasurer, and S. Buck, Payroll/Personnel were in attendance as well as Attorney Rick Brown. Media was represented by the Johnsonburg Press.

The meeting began at 6:00 PM with a brief presentation from a representative to discuss the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act and using ESSER/ARP Funds. Then the board heard a brief presentation from The Nutrition Group to give some updates on the cafeteria. The regular meeting followed at 6:30 PM. (Information inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

During Public Comment, members of the community were present to ask about the health and safety plan with regards to the masking requirements and effectiveness of masking. They also questioned the bus masking requirement, which they were told that it is required through TSA not the school district nor contractor. They were also informed about the proposed recommendation that was on the updated Health & Safety Plan for voting at tonight's meeting.

President Thorwart called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Allegretto moves seconded by Miller to approve the following: minutes from the regular meeting held on January 13, 2022, the Treasurer's Report from the General Fund including Disbursements and Revenue dated 12/21, the High School Activity Account, the High School Athletic Account, the Elementary Activity Account and the Cafeteria Report dated 12/21, Safety Committee Minutes dated 1/19/2022, the bills lists, and the Athletic Committee Minutes from 2/4/2022. All vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in supplemental minutebook.)

At 6:40 PM the Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel and other matters. At 7:00 PM the regular meeting was called back to order.

A. Personnel

Agenda Item 1: Unpaid Days: Carnovale moves seconded by Grunthner to approve the request from Mr. Randy McCurdy for 3 unpaid days for January 19 – 21, 2022. All vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2: Coach: Crowe moves seconded by Grunthner to approve Cheyenne Bothun as an Assistant Softball Coach for the 2021-2022 SY, with a stipend of \$1,500.00; pending completion of the necessary paperwork. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3: Certified Bus Driver: Carnovale moves seconded by Dr. Leslie to add Ms. Susan Clarke to the certified bus driver list for the 2021-2022 School Year, pending completion of the necessary paperwork. All vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Credit Recovery Facilitator: Carnovale moves seconded by Miller to approve the Addendum for ESS Northeast, LLC in regards to the Credit Recovery Facilitator for the after school recovery program, effective January 31, 2022 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year. All vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 5: Credit Recovery Mental Health Technician: Crowe moves seconded by Grunthner to approve the Dickinson Center, Inc. contract in regards to the Credit Recovery Mental Health Technician for the after school program, effective February 1, 2022 for remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year. All vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 6: Supplemental: Zimmerman moves seconded by Grunthner to approve a \$2,000.00 supplemental for Mrs. Linda Benson to maintain, monitor, distribute, and make fiscally sound decisions regarding surplus monies; retroactive for the beginning of the 2021-2022 School Year. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7: Resignation: Crowe moves seconded by Carnovale to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Louis Karellas, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 School Year. All vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 8: Coach: Carnovale moves seconded by Grunthner to approve Rich Quiggle as Varsity Track and Field Head Coach for the 2021-2022 School Year, with a stipend of \$3,500.00; pending completion of the necessary paperwork. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried.

B. Education and School Activities

Agenda Item 1: Fiber Optic Connectors: Carnovale moves seconded by Allegretto to approve the contract with Connectivity Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$8,106.60 for fiber optic connectors for the High School and Elementary School. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 2: Network Switches: Carnovale moves seconded by Crowe to approve the contract with Connectivity Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$35,454.00 for network switches for the High School and Elementary School. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 3: Wireless Services: Allegretto moves seconded by Miller to approve the contract with Connectivity Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$21,980.00 for wireless services for the High School. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 4: Fiber Optic Cabling Installation for Internal Networks: Carnovale moves seconded by Miller to approve the contract with Neely Communications, Inc. In the amount of \$22,357.54 for fiber optic cabling installation for the internal networks of the High School and Elementary School. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

Agenda Item 5: District Wrestling: Crowe moves seconded by Carnovale to grant permission for students to participate in the district wrestling tournament in Clarion, PA on February 25 & 26, 2022; with one overnight stay on February 25, 2022. All vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: Regional Wrestling: Crowe moves seconded by Christoff to grant permission for students to participate in the regional wrestling tournament in Sharon, PA on March 4 & 5, 2022; with one overnight stay on March 4, 2022. All vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7: State Wrestling: Carnovale moves seconded by Crowe to grant permission for students to participate in the state wrestling tournament in Hershey, PA on March 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th, 2022; with overnight stays on March 9, 10, & 11, 2022. All vote yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8: Health and Safety Plan: Carnovale moves seconded by Crowe to approve the Health and Safety Plan as presented; which states that it is "Strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear masks or face coverings while in the buildings. If, however, government orders require the wearing of face coverings, these orders will be enforced by the Johnsonburg Area School District. The Board of Directors will allow the Superintendent to mandate masks under certain conditions. See the Health and Safety Plan that is posted on the website. Masks are still required on buses due to TSA regulations. We don't have the numbers to support the mask mandate at this time." Roll Call Vote: Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Dr. Leslie and Miller vote no. Motion carried. (Copy inserted in the supplemental minutebook.)

C. Finance

Agenda Item 1: Unassigned Fund Balance - Facilities: Carnovale moves seconded by Dr. Leslie to reserve an additional \$200,000.00 of the general fund's unassigned fund balance as assigned reserve for facilities improvements expenses. The total amount reserved for facilities improvement is \$3,050,000.00 total. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2022

Agenda Item 2: Unassigned Fund Balance – Technology: Carnovale moves seconded by Dr. Leslie to reserve an additional \$100,000.00 of the general fund's unassigned fund balance as assigned reserve for technology updates. The total amount reserved for technology updates is \$550,000.00 total. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Leslie, Carnovale, Christoff, Grunthner, Miller, Zimmerman, Crowe, Allegretto, and Thorwart vote yes. Motion carried.

At 7:25 PM, Crowe moves seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting. All vote yes. Motion carried.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Gail Luhr
Board Secretary