

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – JANUARY 12, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Johnson City Central School District, held in the Board Room of the Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, Broome County, New York was called to order by President Martinez at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

President Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Board

Members present: Richard G. Martinez, President  
Shannon M. Edmondson, Vice President  
Susan B. Capone, Trustee  
Nicholas J. Matyas, Trustee  
Kimberly A. Michalak, Trustee  
Caryl Ward, Trustee

Absent: William F. Walling, District Clerk

Also present were: Mary Kay Frys, Superintendent of Schools; Thomas Lally, Assistant Superintendent; John Mauro, School Business Executive; Laurie Visgitus, Director of Student Services and Donna Tokos, Board Clerk.

ROUTINE MATTERS

MIN. 12/22/09 MINUTES: December 22, 2009 - Regular Meeting approved as presented.  
REGULAR MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Michalak  
MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL November 2009 – APPROVED  
STATEMENTS MOTION: Trustee Michalak SECOND: Trustee Matyas  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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SCHEDULE #13A - General Fund – APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  
OF CLAIMS MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Michalak  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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#9C – School Lunch – APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  
MOTION: Trustee Matyas SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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SCHEDULE  
OF CLAIMS  
(Cont'd.)

#12F – Special Aid - APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  
MOTION: Trustee Michalak                      SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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#10HE - Capital Aid-EXCEL - APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  
MOTION: Trustee Michalak                      SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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COMMUNI-  
CATIONS

There were no direct communications.

POLLING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS – PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Edmondson                      SECOND: Trustee Ward  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the polling of the Board, a motion was made to leave open session at 7:07 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss several personnel issues, student discipline issues, and CSE recommendations that are attached to and made part of the official minutes filed in the permanent record.

The following attended Executive Session:

Board Members: Trustee Martinez, Edmondson, Capone, Matyas, Michalak, Ward

Also attending: Mary Kay Frys, Thomas Lally, John Mauro, Laurie Visgitus, Donna Tokos

MOTION to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Edmondson                      SECOND: Trustee Ward  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- A. TOWN OF UNION ASSESSOR      John McDonald, Assessor for the Town of Union, spoke to the Board, summarizing the Home Improvement Exemption (RPTL Section 421-f) and the benefits of this exemption for the area. The exemption encourages property owners to make improvements, thus keeping neighborhoods viable and attractive. Mr. McDonald answered the Board’s questions.
  
- B. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT      The Third Grade teachers shared with the Board what a day-in-the-life-of-a-third-grader is like. The teachers discussed the components of the third-grade curriculum in all subjects areas and shared several examples of student writing and math investigations.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS      Community/Music/Athletics/Cocurricular Committee – N. Matyas, S. Capone  
 The committee met and discussed:  
 - Criteria used to form a school club  
 - Reviewed Student Organizations Policy #5210  
 - Athletic and music departments collaboration on calendar of events  
 - Homecoming 2010

D. LEGAL ISSUES      MOTION: Trustee Edmondson      SECOND: Trustee Capone  
 President Martinez read the resolution.

- Public Hearing: Home Improvement Exemption: WHEREAS, the Board of Education is considering the adoption of a resolution authorizing certain real property tax exemptions for capital improvements to residential properties, as more fully detailed in said proposed resolution and the formal consideration of said resolution requires that a public hearing be held.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED;

That a public hearing be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:45 p.m. at the Johnson City Senior High School, Board of Education room, 666 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY to consider the adoption of such proposed resolution and that the District Clerk make the necessary arrangements for posting and publication of this hearing notice.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Ayes:      (6) Trustee Martinez, Edmondson, Capone, Matyas, Michalak, Ward

Noes:      (0) None

Absent:    (1) Trustee Walling

Abstain:   (0) None

President Martinez declared the resolution adopted.

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E. DISTRICT POLICIES 1<sup>st</sup> Reading      Superintendent Frys presented, for a first reading, the following policies:  
 - Academic Eligibility Policy #5283  
 - Admission of Resident and Nonresident Students #5152  
 - Gate Receipts and Admissions #6252  
 - Free Admissions #6252.2 [delete]  
 No action was taken at this meeting.

F. PERSONNEL - MOTION: Trustee Edmondson SECOND: Trustee Ward  
 INSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following:

Substitute Appointments

J. Donahue Name: John Donohue  
 Tenure Area: Science  
 Probationary Appt.: January 4, 2010  
 Expiration Date of Appt.: June 30, 2010  
 Certification: Uncertified

J. Lobdell Name: Jennifer Lobdell  
 Tenure Area: English as a Second Language  
 Probationary Appt.: January 4, 2010  
 Expiration Date of Appt.: June 30, 2010  
 Certification: Uncertified

G. PERSONNEL- MOTION: Trustee Michalak SECOND: Trustee Capone  
 NONINSTRUC- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 TIONAL Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following:

Resignation

A. Gumaer Amy Gumaer, Teacher Aide, J.C. Elementary-Middle School (6-8),  
 effective December 29, 2009

Termination

N. Klein Nikole Klein, Teacher Aide, J.C. Elementary-Middle School (3-5),  
 effective January 12, 2010

H. CONFERENCE MOTION: Trustee Matyas SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
 REQUESTS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following conference request:

1/12/10 Interventions for Temper Tantrums, J. Fitzgerald (3-5)  
 Meltdowns & Out-of-Control Behavior;  
 Renaissance Syracuse Marriott; Syracuse, NY

1/22/10 Girls Lacrosse Coaches Clinic; J. Schieve, A. Case (HS)  
 SUNY Cortland; Cortland, NY E. Charlier (3-5);  
 J. Springer (coach)



L. VISITORS

J. Ngo asked when parents of students will be notified that there is gang activity at the middle school. Superintendent Fry explained that she is aware of this activity and stated that there is a meeting scheduled with representatives from the Binghamton Gang Prevention group this week to formulate a plan on how to work with students and staff on this.

P. Ciganek asked for a copy of the resolution that John McDonald, Town of Union Assessor, referred to during his presentation earlier in the meeting. President Martinez stated that Mr. Ciganek would have to request this from the Town of Union.

M. REGULAR  
MEETING  
ADJOURNED

MOTION: Trustee Capone                      SECOND: Trustee Edmondson  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Donna Tokos  
Board Clerk