

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
November 19, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Johnston City Community Unit School District No. 1 met at a regular Board meeting held on November 19, 2020 with Closed Session beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Unit Office, 200 E. 12th Street, Johnston City, IL. President Chris Cullum called the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing to order and asked the clerk for the attendance roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chad Barras, Jimmy Dean, John Etherton, Patti Martin, Greg Smiley,  
Keven Stroud, and Chris Cullum

Absent: None

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by Keven Stroud **to hold the Tax Levy Public Hearing in Accordance with the *Truth in Taxation Act* at 7:00 p.m.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion made by Chad Barras and seconded by John Etherton **to adjourn the Tax Levy Public Hearing in Accordance with the *Truth in Taxation Act* at 7:04 p.m.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

President Chris Cullum called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked the clerk for the attendance roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chad Barras, Jimmy Dean, John Etherton, Patti Martin, Greg Smiley,  
Keven Stroud, and Chris Cullum

Absent: None

Motion made by Jimmy Dean and seconded by Chad Barras **to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:**

- A. Approval of Regular and Closed Session Minutes of the 10/15/20 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of Bills for Payment
- D. Approve JCEA Seniority List
- E. Approve Non-Certified Seniority List

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Chad Barras and seconded by Greg Smiley **to approve the tax levy for 2020 payable in 2021 as presented.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

The first reading of PRESS Policy Updates was held.

Mrs. Clark informed the Board that the Unit Office had received a FOIA request from Smart Procure.

Motion made by Chad Barras and seconded by Chris Cullum **to employ Mitchell Kerley as a High School Math Teacher.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by John Etherton and seconded by Patti Martin **to approve Courtney Brunk as a Volunteer Assistant Jr. High School Cheerleading Sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Mrs. Clark informed the Board that the ISBE Report Card has been published, but the majority of the information that is listed on the ISBE Report Card is listed as impacted by COVID-19. ISBE has informed districts that testing will be done in the spring, but only students that are in-person learning. The administration hopes to be able to see benchmarks for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mrs. Clark informed the Board that the IHSA winter sports that were to begin practicing on November 16, 2020 have been placed on hold.

Mrs. Clark updated the Board on the new COVID-19 Dashboard that is listed on the District's website. The dashboard shows the daily COVID-19 statistics for students and staff by building.

Mrs. Clark and Mr. Pietrantonio informed the Board that the High School will not be conducting final exams for the first semester this school year.

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Mrs. Clark and Mr. Bobby Lakotich, Director of Maintenance, Buildings, and Grounds, provided the Board with a 5 Year Plan for each of the buildings.

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by Chad Barras **to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

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President, Chris Cullum

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Secretary, Greg Smiley

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Clerk of the Board, Kim Grant