

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
February 20, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Johnston City Community Unit School District No. 1 met at a regular Board meeting held February 20, 2020 with Closed Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Unit Office, 200 E. 12th Street, Johnston City, IL. President Chris Cullum called the meeting 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 Chad Barras and seconded by Greg Smiley **to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:**

- A. Approval of Regular and Closed Session Minutes of the 1/16/20 Regular Meeting and the Regular Session Minutes of the 2/10/20
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

Motion made by Keven Stroud and seconded by Chad Barras **to approve the bills for payment.**

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

Motion made by Keven Stroud and seconded by Greg Smiley **to approve and adopt the PRESS Policy Updates as presented with choosing the default language on policies 2:105, 2:110, 5:30, 6:60, and 8:30 and removing "on call" in policy 5:550 and choosing the alternate language.**

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

Motion made by Patti Martin and seconded by Greg Smiley **to approve Closed Session Minutes/Destruction of Closed Session Tapes (Listed Below) in Accordance with 5ILCS 120/2.06c 1/16/18, 1/29/18 (special meeting), 2/7/18 (special meeting), 2/20/18, 3/19/18,**

**4/13/18, 4/16/18 (special meeting), 4/18/18, 5/7/18 (special meeting), 5/17/18, and 6/18/18.**

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

Motion made by Keven Stroud and seconded by John Etherton **to authorize the superintendent to release the Request for Qualifications for architects.**

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

The naming of the softball field was tabled.

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by John Etherton **to approve the out of state trips for High School Business to the Federal Reserve in St. Louis, MO on April 3, 2020, Middle School Band to the Fox Theatre in St. Louis, MO on March 7, 2020, and the Middle School and High School Band to the Fox Theatre in St. Louis, MO on April 10, 2020.**

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

Mrs. Clark informed the Board that the Unit Office had received FOIA requests from the IRTA and from Iris Martinez of the Parent Foundation and she has responded to each of them.

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by Keven Stroud **to accept the resignation of Richard Ozment as High School Principal effective at the end of his contract.**

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

Motion made by Keven Stroud and seconded by Patti Martin **to employ Toni Lawrence as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher and to post the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher position.**

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

Motion made by Keven Stroud and seconded by Chad Barras **to employ Josh Pietrantoni as High School Principal and to post the Middle School Principal position.**

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

Motion made by Keven Stroud and seconded by Greg Smiley **to employ Leslie Cutsinger as a Washington Middle School Noon Hour Aide.**

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

Motion made by John Etherton and seconded by Greg Smiley **to employ Todd Hunter as the paid Assistant High School Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.**

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

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by Keven Stroud **to employ Casey Sanders as Middle School Boys' Track Coach and Stephanie Wilson as Middle School Girls' Track Coach.**

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

Mr. Pietrantonio, Washington Middle School Principal, Mrs. Armes, Washington Middle School Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Smiley, Lincoln School Principal updated the Board on the preparations at each building for the upcoming IAR testing. Teachers and staff at both buildings have been working to prepare students for testing and have revamped when they are teaching certain subjects to help better prepare the students. Washington Middle School will be testing in March and Lincoln School will be testing in April.

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by Keven Stroud **to amend the previous motion employing Casey Sanders as Middle School Boys' Track Coach and Stephanie Wilson as Middle School Girls' Track Coach to employing Casey Sanders as Middle School Girls Track Coach and Stephanie Wilson as Middle School Boys' Track Coach.**

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

Mrs. Clark informed the Board that the District was approved for the After School Grant and that the School Maintenance Grant had been submitted. Mrs. Clark is also working on getting the ERATE paperwork submitted.

Mrs. Clark informed the Board that Scott Burzynski, High School Boys' Basketball Coach, received the IHSA's Sport A Winning Attitude Award.

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Motion made by Chad Barras and seconded by Keven Stroud **to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 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