

Johnstonville Elementary School District

Minutes for Special Meeting September 20, 2016

1.1	CALL TO ORDER	Board President Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
1.2	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Board Trustee Amber Lynn, Board Trustee Jim Willis, Board Trustee Elizabeth Krier
	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT/TARDY	Board Trustee Reesa Rice -Absent Board Trustee Richard Roman - Absent
1.3	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Board Trustee Amber Lynn
1.4	APPROVE AGENDA	A motion to approve the agenda was made by Board Trustee Krier and seconded by Board Trustee Willis.
2.0	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>Public Comments On All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the District- Up to 20 minutes – September 20, 2016.</p> <p>The following members of the public spoke on a variety of topics not listed on the agenda.</p> <p>Carly Winship- Reports standing with her community. She wants reassurance from the board that the school and community will continue to thrive.</p> <p>Brian Kelley-Reports not receiving information about the band program in a timely manner.</p>
3.0	COMMUNICATIONS	
3.1	INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION: SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC	<p>Dr. Spears responded to the September 14, 2016 Board Meeting Public Comments with a handout and power point presentation.</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions-For Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Direction of the District? • What is the Instructional Program? • Why were the focus areas selected? • How can parents partner with the District? <p><i>Along with the Focus Areas and Resources listed below, the District still maintains its Local Control and Accountability Plan, in accordance with Education Code section 52060, which in expansive detail, outlines the goals and methods of achieving those goals for the District.</i></p>

The presentation covered the following:

Leadership Focus Areas

- Implementing required instructional practices, mandated Board Policies, and EdCode.
 - Board Policy ("BP"), 0200 ("Goals for The School District"), 0400 ("Comprehensive Plans")
- Ensure reasonable care and attention is given to safety, health, student supervision, instruction, personnel, finance, facilities/maintenance, and security.
 - BP 0450 ("Comprehensive Safety Plans"), 5142 ("Students")
- Provide opportunities for parent engagement throughout the year.
 - BP 1240, 5020 ("Parent Rights and Responsibilities"), 5145.6 ("Parental Notifications") 6020 ("Parental Involvement")
- Provide professional development for teachers and parents throughout the year.
 - BP 4131 ("Staff Development"), 5020 ("Parents Rights and Responsibilities")
- Ensure personnel is working within their job description with necessary tools and clear expectations.
 - BP 1312.4 ("Williams uniform Complaint Procedure"), 4200 ("Personnel"), 4113 ("Personnel")
- Establish protocols that allow students, parents, and faculty direct access to the superintendent.
 - BP 110 ("Community Relations"), 1120 ("Youth Services"), 6020 ("Parental Involvement")

Best Practices Launched this Year

- Offering a range of ways that parents can support student achievement efforts i.e. understanding grade level expectations, understanding grade level instructional program, how to support homework, and opportunities to explain student assessments and student's individual progress toward mastery of skills and standards.
- Regular monitoring of Instruction, Personnel, State/Federal, Pupil Services, Businesses, and Maintenance
- Technology Upgrades and Device purchases for Students and Faculty
- Use of 21st Century Home/School Communication Methods
 - Robo calls, Mailers, Newsletters, Website Postings, Appointments with Superintendent/Teachers, & Superintendent Visibility.

How Can Parents Partner with the District

- Provide current contact information
- Read Monthly Newsletters, Check-out the Website Regularly, and Read/Respond to School Communications Sent Home
- Partner with the School/District
 - Get Involved in the School Site Council (SSC)
 - Sign-up for Johnstonville School Community Association (JSCA)
 - Request or Attend Scheduled Parent/Teacher Meetings
 - Sign-up for Student Success Team Meetings if Your Child Has Academic/Behavior Concerns (SST)
 - Volunteer in classes according to program need

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make appointments with your child teacher or the superintendent anytime you need details beyond the standard calendar of events <p>Resources</p> <p>Visitations to Classroom/Campus <i>EdCode: 51100 & 51102</i> Board Policy: 5020 ("Parent Rights and Responsibilities"), 5022 ("Student and Family Privacy Rights"), 6020 ("Parent Involvement")</p> <p>Recess Supervision <i>Cal Code of Regs., Title 5 & 5552</i> <i>See Handbook for Public Playground Safety, Pub. No. 325, 1994, rev. 1997</i> BP 5142 ("Students")</p> <p>Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect <i>EdCode: 33308.1</i> Penal Code section 11165.1 – 11165.7, 11166-11168 Welfare and Institution Code section 15630 BP 5141.4 ("Students"), 0450 ("Comprehensive Safety Plans")</p> <p>Discipline/Suspensions <i>EdCode: 48900-48927, 35291.5</i> BP 5144.1 ("Students")</p> <p>Educational Activities Fees & Fundraising <i>Cal Code of Regs., Title 5 section 350</i> <i>EdCode: 49011</i> BP 1321 ("Community Relations"), <i>see also</i> 4135/4235/4335</p> <p>Volunteers <i>EdCode 45106,4537,45349,49406 & Health and Safety Code 121545, and Penal Code 290</i> BP 1240 ("Community Relations")</p> <p>TK/ K-8 Grade Instructional Program At-A-Glance was provided that listed: classroom protocol goals, a listing of all course curriculum, and technology being implemented at each grade span.</p>
	DISCUSSION	<p><i>The following members of the public spoke on a variety of topics not listed on the agenda.</i></p> <p>Alex Harwood- She wants issues resolved so that Johnstonville School does not lose any more staff or teachers. We want to know how we are going to change things and fix things? We want to know the direction of our school? We appreciate you getting organized but there's no communication that says you are concerned with what we think or how we can work together. It doesn't feel like we can question what's going on. Dr. Spears is not approachable.</p>

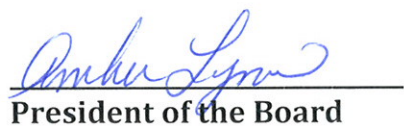
		<p>Jim Cizin - Dr. Spears didn't really answer questions so much as recited codes.</p> <p>Shelby Burton – Shared concerns several concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My child cannot go to recess until all food is eaten. My daughter should be able to eat what she can and then be allowed to go out to recess. • My son had his phone taken away today. When can they use the phone? • She wants the teachers to be available before school instead of out at recess. • In addition, is there a 24 hr. notice policy to talk to teacher before school? • Dissatisfied with a response from Dr. Spears to have JSCA announced at Back To School Night. <p>Bernadette Cizin - Do we need to give twenty-four notice to sit in on a classroom.</p> <p>Annette Anderson - I would like to know that parents can come to the school to see Dr. Spears and/or our kids. I want Dr. Spears to be friendly and inviting when parents come to the school. There have been so many changes.</p> <p>Bill Dunn- He wanted to know what the protocol is when an adult is served with an allegation of child abuse. His daughter, along with several witnesses, alleges that Dr. Spears treated a student badly. He wanted to know what happened.</p> <p>Blaine Mallery – Shared several concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She asked if there needs to be a formal complaint reported to look at the camera. She wants to know if anyone investigated the chair throwing by the 8th grade teacher. • She also had a question related to volunteer requirements for a few hours on campus. Does she need to have a 24-hour notice to volunteer for a few hours? • Wanted to know Dr. Spears didn't speak to her before signing her request to transfer her child out of the school. <p>Ricky Wilson- Will the kids be able to be inside on cold days? She also made a comment related to fingerprinting: I have been to a lot of other schools and they require fingerprinting for volunteering in every capacity.</p>
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4.0	ADJOURNAMENT	6:57

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday October 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


Date Approved


President of the Board


Date Approved

