

**JONESPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A meeting of the Jonesport School Committee was held at Jonesport Elementary School on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 with members present as follows: Julie Farris, Renee Chandler, and Morgan Monroe. Also present was Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins and John Reese, Lead Teacher.

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. followed by the pledge.

1. Approval of Minutes

The School Committee voted (1-0-2) to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting, with Morgan Monroe and Renee Chandler abstaining.

2. Public Comment Session (Up to 20 minutes) –

- A community member mentioned it may be better to have a lead teacher instead of a principal at the elementary school.
- A community member mentioned that it should be considered that the school share a principal.
- A community member asked how the Superintendent search is going.

3. Vote on Waiver of Nepotism Policy –

Motion and Second to approve an exception to the Nepotism policy regarding the employment of Vanessa Barton, sister to Board member Morgan Monroe, as a teacher in the best interest of the school district. Vote (2-0-10 with Morgan Monroe abstaining).

4. School Calendar Changes for May 25th and 26th.

- May 25th will be a half student day.
- May 26th will be a full student day.

Motion and Second to approve changes in school calendar. (3-0)

5. 2023-2024 Budget Review

- Questions were asked by the Board and work will continue with the final budget review and adoption at their May meeting.

6. Staff Resignation -- Motion and Second to accept resignation with regret of Kylee Emerson, school nurse. (3-0)

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7. First Year Probationary Teacher Nominations:

- Grade 4 Teacher – Michelle Holbrook
- Grade 3 Teacher – Maggie O’Meally, subject to receiving Maine Certification
- Grade 2 Teacher – Teeya Harmon, subject to receiving Maine Certification
- Art Teacher – Olivia Dyer, subject to receiving Maine Certification

Motion and Second to approve Superintendent nominations. (3-0)

8. Hiring of Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Tammy Carr, to be shared between Jonesport Elementary School and Jonesport-Beals High School for 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion and Second to approve Superintendent’s nomination of Tammy Carr as School LCPC. (3-0)

9. Continuing Contract Teachers – Recommendation for Continued Employment. (see attached)

Motion and Second to approve Superintendent’s nominations. (3-0)

10. Second Year Probationary Teachers – Recommendation for Continued Employment.

- Carolyn Libby - Physical Education/Health
- Ivy Robinson – Grade 1
- Vanessa Barton – Grade 6-8 Teacher

Motion and Second to approve Superintendent’s nominations. (2-0-1) with Mrs. Monroe abstaining.

11. 2023-2024 Hourly Support Staff – Recommendation for Continued Employment. (see attached)

Motion and Second to approve Superintendent’s recommendations for hourly staff continued employment. (3-0)

12. Request for Leave of Absence

- Superintendent Collins stated that Jeanna Carver has requested a one year leave of medical absence.

Motion and Second to approve with regret. (3-0)

13. Principal’s Report: see attached

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14. Other –

- Superintendent Collins nominated Jason Alley for Baseball Coach
- Superintendent Collins nominated Nina Johnson for Softball Coach
- Superintendent Collins nominated Vondell Beals for Unpaid Assistant Softball Coach

Motion and Second to approve Superintendent’s nominations. (3-0)

- Superintendent Collins recommended the acceleration of John Faulkingham from Grade 5 to Grade 6

Motion and Second to approve the acceleration of John Faulkingham from Grade 5 to Grade 6.

15. Adjournment –

Motion and Second to adjourn meeting at 7:12p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis S Collins, Superintendent

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Superintendent Collins recommends the following:

For Continued Employment:

Jeanna Carver – Pre K
Allison Beal – Kindergarten
John Reese – Title 1/Math Interventionist
Marni Crowley – Grade 5
Sylvina Lyons – Grades 6-8
Debra Carver – Grades 6-8
Katherine Kelley – Title 1/Reading Interventionist

For Hourly Support Staff:

Melanie Faulkingham – Library/Special Ed Educational Technician
Vondell Beal – Special Ed Educational Technician
Andrea Hartford – Special Ed Educational Technician
Lisa Graham – Administrative Assistant to Principal
Nancy Alley – Head Cook
Trisha Alley – Cook
William Alley – Custodian/Bus Driver
Crystal Emerson – Custodian
Erin Gove – Pre K Ed Tech Educational Technician