

**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 the Jonesport Elementary Library on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 with members present as follows: Julie Farris and Ernest Kelley, Jr.. Also present was Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. followed by the pledge.

1. Approval of Minutes

The School Committee voted (2-0) to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting.

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

- An audience member asked about our Substitute List – who is on the list and are they notified if they are approved to substitute.
- Chair Farris read a thank you note from the Lakeman family.

3. First Reading of Policies

- Policy GCF
- Policy GCOC

Superintendent Collins will review the MSMA policy database to see if there are any procedures to go with either of the policies.

Mrs. Lyons shared with the Board information about staff input into administrator evaluations.

Chair Farris reminded people that they may send their comments and suggestions to Superintendent Collins prior to the next board meeting.

4. School Calendar Changes for March 17th and April 14th.

- March 17th will be a full student day.
- April 14th will be a full student day.

Motion and Second to approve changes in school calendar. (2-0)

5. Proposed Calendar for School Year 2023-2024

Motion and Second to approve the calendar as presented.

- It will be reviewed regarding the early release day for December 22nd.

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6. 2023 – 2024 Budget Preview

- An audience member asked to look into the oil amount difference between high school and elementary school -- consumption and use.
- It appears as if the elementary school is budgeting a far greater amount of gallons than the high school.
- Suggestion: Remove the proposed technology director position at the high school and elementary school and continue with the \$8,000 stipend.

7. Staff Resignations

- Catera Gilmore – 4th grade teacher
- Harleigh Gillespie – Art
- Emily Eldridge – 5th grad teacher

Motion and Second to accept the resignations, with regret. (2-0)

8. Principal's Report – none presented

9. Other

- Motion and Second to approve the acceleration of Caroline Carver from 5th to 6th grade. (2-0)
- Motion and Second to authorize the Superintendent to execute the settlement agreement discussed in Executive Session on February 15th, 2023. (2-0)

10. Adjournment

Motion and Second to adjourn meeting at 6:43p.m. (2-0)