

**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, April 5, 2023 with members present as follows: Julie Farris, Morgan Monroe, and Renee Chandler. 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 (2-0-1) 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)

7. First Year Probationary Teacher Nominations:

- Grade 4 Teacher – Michelle Holbrook
- Grade 3 Teacher – Maggie O’Meally, subject to receiving Maine Certification

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- 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. Principal's Report – see attached

9. Other

- Superintendent Collins nominated Jason Alley for Baseball Coach
- Superintendent Collins nominated Nina Johnson for Softball Coach
- Superintendent Collins nominated Vondell Beal for Asst. Softball Coach
- Superintendent Collins recommended John Faulkingham to be accelerated from 5th grade to 6th grade.

Motion and Second to approve the Superintendent's nominations of coaches. (3-0)

Motion and Second to approve the acceleration of John Faulkingham. (3-0)

10. Adjournment

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