

**JONESPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Jonesport, Maine
September 11, 2019

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 Superintendent of Schools Office on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 with members present as follows: Julie Farris, Ernest Kelley Jr. and Suzen Polk-Hoffses. Also present were Principal Melissa Tenney and Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of June 17, 2019

The School Committee voted (3-0-0) to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019.

2. Teacher Nomination

The Superintendent nominated John Reese for a second year probationary contract as kindergarten teacher for the 2019-2020 year.

The School Committee voted (3-0-0) to approve the nomination.

3. Support Staff Recommendation

The Superintendent recommended the following support staff personnel for the 2019-2020 year:

Wendy Dyer – Special Education Ed Tech III
Naomi Chandler – Special Education Ed Tech III
Sara Lunn – PreK Ed Tech III

The School Committee voted (3-0-0) to accept the recommendation.

4. Coaches

The Superintendent recommended Sara Lunn for the position of cross-country coach for the 2019-2020 year.

The School Committee voted (3-0-0) to accept the recommendation.

5. Principal's Report

The Principal reported on the following:

- Had a good start to the year. School climate is much improved over last year. All staff is working on direct communication as a goal this year.
- Fall sports have begun successfully. First cross country meet was today. We had several first place finishes from JES.
- Have had many compliments on the new renovations.
- Hired five new folks who are working out very well. We have two students that we expected would be fully self-contained, but are managing in the classroom with support.

5. Principal's Report, Continued

- Jeanna Carver made it to the top seven in standing for Maine Teacher of the Year.
- Open House was on Friday, September 6. The teachers wanted to do the Open House/BBQ earlier and set the date at the end of last year. We did not have a great turnout, as in previous years. Too early? Also, soccer and volleyball games were happening at the high school level.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Collins reported on the first day of work for staff and the great video from the DOE welcoming everyone back and thanking them for their hard work and dedication. He also reported that he is getting out and about to the schools and learning who's who and what issues are important to everyone. He also updated the Board on the status of renovations including the tiling and roofing projects. Mr. Collins also discussed communication improvements for the bus runs and parents ability to contact the school until 4:00 pm.

7. Miscellaneous

No items.

8. Adjournment

The School Committee adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Collins
Superintendent of Schools