

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 16, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell, Justin Oswald Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; Joey Richert, K1-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Sam Smith, Barry Rowlison, Tammie Grewell, Brandy Feller, Riley Killion, Hal Lewis, Mike McIntyre and Savana Warburton.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

- a. Student Council – Savana Warburton updated the Board on the Christmas Sing-along; winter formal set for February 3rd, bake sales, old uniform sales, fun day will be in March, and the video announcements.
- b. Transportation – Mr. Smith informed the Board that things have been running smoothly this year. He updated the Board with procedures for cold weather and how the latest cold snap affected the transportation department.
- c. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowlison updated the Board on rescheduled games due to the frigid temperatures; we are half way through the basketball season; there will be a wrestling match in Joliet on January 23rd; all pictures and plaques in the lobby have been updated. Ken Adams asked if Central is bringing the wrestling mats to the meet. Mr. Rowlison indicated that all equipment, game workers and refs will be provided by Billings Catholic Central. The Board thanked Mr. Rowlison for filling in as a long-term sub at the end of last semester.
- d. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on the November SOAR assembly; holiday music program; iReady diagnostic; end of 2nd quarter; 5th grade switch to letter grading; symphony performance; IATs; book fair.
- e. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on speech and drama; Chromebooks; student CDL course; middle school SOAR assembly; middle school mini courses; Sheridan College Ag Ambassador; CHS senior projects; human development class; World Quest; teacher observations; teacher peer observations; FFA; BPA; winter driver's ed program; midterm.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99645-99641 & checks 51270-51325; Payroll Warrants ACH 84751-84677 & 63957-64005; Activity ACH, transfers, and checks 17165-17211; Minutes: 12/19/2023 board meeting. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Retirement Incentives – The Board reviewed the proposed retirement incentive, which is three years of health insurance or a one-time cash payout, equivalent to one year's health insurance. Three incentives will be offered.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve three retirement incentives. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. Ken Adams and Kathy Grewell asked for clarification on the payout and amount of the monthly insurance payment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Personnel – Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Nathan Oren as the Assistant High School Boys/Girls Track Coach for the 2024 season

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the hiring of Nathan Oren as the Assistant High School Boys/Girls Track Coach for the 2024 season. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

3. First Reading of Policy 3233 – Student Use of Buildings – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3233. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3235 – Video Surveillance – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3235. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3310 – Student Discipline – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3310. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3413 – Student Immunization – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3413. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3510 – School Sponsored Student Activities – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3510. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 8301 — District Safety – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8301. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

B. Unfinished Business

1. Policy – In light of discussion held at the policy committee and full board levels, the following policies are grouped into a single motion because they had unanimous support at the first reading.

Second Reading of Policy 3110 – Entrance, Placement and Transfer – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 3120 — Compulsory Attendance – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 3121 & 3121P — Enrollment and Attendance Records – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. These are updates and are recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 3150 — Part-Time Enrollment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 3226 — Bullying – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 3110, 3120, 3121, 3121P, 3150 and 3226. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

VI. Discussion/Informational Items – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Facilities Master Plan (Hal Lewis and Mike McIntyre offered public comment in support of moving forward with the plan); On-Site Teacher Daycare; Student Attendance Review; Open Enrollment; Accreditation Update; Maintenance Logs; 12/19/23 Policy Committee Minutes; 12/19/2023 Budget Committee Minutes; Negotiations; Hiring/Staffing Update; Superintendent’s Schedule.

VII. Correspondence – None.

VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:

Hiring Spring Coaches and Activity Sponsors
Election Resolutions
Facilities Master Plan

IX. Next Board Meeting Date

Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Superintendent Negotiations – TBD
Budget Committee – Building Reserve Levy Amounts//Line Items
Facilities Committee – Master Planning with Architects

X. Executive Session -- Dawn Blain determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session. Mrs. Hernandez, Mr. Richert and Mrs. Smith were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:16 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

Ken Adams made a motion to open contract negotiations with Mr. Begger. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Approved

02/20/2024

Board Chair

Dawn Blain

Clerk

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