

Board of Trustees Special Meeting – March 26, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a special meeting on March 26, 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 (via phone), Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Kayla Cline and Stacie Nardinger.

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. Action Items

- A. Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Joliet Teachers Association – The negotiations committee has met several times over the course of this school year with the Joliet Teachers Association, with Max Halfrisch, from the Department of Labor, acting as facilitator. The Negotiations Committee is recommending that the Joliet Board of Trustees ratify the 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Joliet Teachers Association.

Ken Adams made a motion to ratify the 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Joliet Teachers Association. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

- B. Building Reserve Levy – Elementary District – The budget committee has been working on the building reserve levy and is proposing that the Joliet Board of Trustees approve a resolution setting the levy amount of \$60,000.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the resolution setting the elementary building reserve levy amount of \$60,000. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

- C. Building Reserve Levy – High School District – The budget committee has been working on the building reserve levy and is proposing that the Joliet Board of Trustees approve a resolution setting the levy amount of \$60,000.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the resolution setting the high school building reserve levy amount of \$60,000. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

- D. Personnel

1. The Hiring Committee is recommending the hiring of Bonnie Eichenberger as a teacher for the 2024-25 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Bonnie Eichenberger as a teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

2. Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Colt Milton as an assistant middle school/high school track coach for the 2024 season.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Colt Milton as an assistant middle school/high school track coach for the 2024 season. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Public comment: Kayla Cline encouraged the Board not to hire Mr. Milton. Ken Adams stated that candidates go through a process with administration and athletics prior to being submitted to the Board for hiring. He believes administration should be given room to do their work with coaches and employees. Karin William seconded Mr. Adams' comments and stated the Board allows administration to fulfill their role. The motion was carried 6-1 with Jason Stene Abstaining (B).

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Approved 03/16/2024
Board Chair Laura Blain

Clerk [Signature]