

## **Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting – September 17, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell, Kraig Krook, 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: Maria Stringari, Emma Horn, Violet Wilailuck, Alanna Puett, Jillian Sessions, Aidon Songstad, Stacie Nardinger, Kaleb Price and Philip Elkins.

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

### **III. Reports**

- a. Student Council – Mr. Price introduced members of the council to the Board. He updated the Board on: 1<sup>st</sup> day activities, homecoming activities, class representatives on the council (Leah Larson, Sophia Schellig, Chloe Evertz), video announcements (fewer videos, but with higher quality).
- b. Athletic Director – Mr. Begger gave this update. Sports participation: football-22, volleyball-26, cross country-19, cheer-6; football is at a 3-0 start; cross country is doing well, with one meet cancellation; volleyball started conference play; middle school sports have started and they are doing well; the golf fundraiser organized by Mr. Counter was very successful with an approximate net amount raised at between \$4,000 and \$5,000.
- c. FFA – Ms. Stringari reported to the Board on fundraising projects; the floriculture team going to Nationals in Indianapolis from October 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>; chapter bonding next week. Emma Horn, Violet Wilailuck, Alanna Puett, Jillian Sessions and Aidon Songstad provided the Board with their plans for Nationals. Kelly Songstad will be an additional chaperone for the trip. The students asked the Board for a donation of \$350 per student to help with travel costs.
- d. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on September SOAR assembly; IAT meetings; Reading Under the Lights; Special Education Training; and Testing information.
- e. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on work study program; 9/11 assembly; BPA; MSU-Billings career fair; middle school student council; World Quest; Masons sponsoring Student of the Month; US History field trip to the Little Bighorn Battlefield; middle school IATs; teacher evaluations and midterm coming up on 09/20.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99624-99618 & 51746-51813; Payroll Warrants ACH 84250-84232 & 64495-64512; Activity transfers, checks 17416-17420; Minutes: 08/13/2024 special board meeting; Routine Records Management. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

### **V. Action Items**

#### **A. New Business**

1. FFA Request – Ms. Stringari and the school’s Floriculture team will be traveling to Nationals. Historically, the Board has supported national teams with \$250-\$350 per attendee.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve \$350 for each student to travel to Nationals for a total of \$1,750. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. Jason Stene would like the team to report upon their return. There was no public comment. The motion carried 7-0 (H).

2. New Financial Support Position – The hiring committee met several times to review information regarding a new financial support position with input from administration and review of current workload from the administrative staff. After their review, the hiring committee is recommending a new Assistant Business Manager position be approved by the Board.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the new Assistant Business Manager position. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. Jason Stene commented that the job description information was helpful. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

3. Repair Upholstery on Bus 8 – The transportation committee met on September 3rd to discuss the general condition of the fleet, repairing upholstery on Bus 8, and the potential to purchase a Type E vehicle. The committee decided to gather more information on a Type E vehicle, and bring the repair of the upholstery on Bus 8 to the board for consideration.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the repair of the upholstery on Bus 8. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

4. Bus Routes & Student Crossings – The board of trustee is charged with approval of all bus routes, areas served, miles per day, and any stop that requires a school child to cross a roadway per ARM 10.7.112. The bus routes and crossings were provided in the board packet.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the District’s bus routes and designated student crossings. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

5. Personnel – Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the September Personnel Action Report.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the September Personnel Action Report. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

6. Yellowstone-West Carbon County Special Services Cooperative Joint Advisory Board –

Per the District's Interlocal Agreement with the YWCCSSC one representative from every district is to serve on the Joint Advisory Board.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve Superintendent Clark Begger to serve as the JPS Joint Advisory Board Member. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

7. Non-Resident Enrollment – Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approval Student 1, Student 2 and Student 3 for non-resident enrollment.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve Student 1, Student 2 and Student 3 for non-resident enrollment. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

8. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 3630 — Cell Phones & Other Electronic Equipment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on September 10, 2024 Trustee Adams updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3630. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 6141 — Employment Restrictions for Administrative Personnel – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on September 10, 2024 Trustee Adams updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 6141. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 6110 — Superintendent – Duties and Authority – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on September 10, 2024 Trustee Adams updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 6110. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

**A. 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 1130 P1 — Committees General Procedures – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on July 16, 2024.

Second Reading of Policy 1700 — Uniform Complaint Procedure – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on July 16, 2024.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 1130-P1 and 1700. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: facilities master planning/building reserve levy update/maintenance logs; enrollment update; hiring/staffing update; 08/13/2024 budget committee minutes; superintendent’s schedule; safe return and continuity of services.
- VII. Correspondence** – Correspondence regarding the Governor’s support for cell phone free policies in schools; MASBO mentor program; Senator Daines’ 9/11 remembrance ceremony; and Terra Rockhold Stene’s AP test funding/MT advanced opportunity and transformational learning grants were provided in the packet.
- VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:**  
Interior Grounds Walk  
Quarterly Superintendent Performance Review  
Public Meeting regarding school master plan
- IX. Next Board Meeting Date**  
Regular Board Meeting –October 15, 2024 6:30 p.m. in the library
- XI. Adjournment**  
Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Approved 10-15-24  
Board Chair Jean Blain

Clerk [Signature]