

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on November 19, 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, 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: Kaleb Price, Tammie Grewell, Adin Matthes, Jessie Hogsett, John Counter, Stacie Lodermeier, Jarrod Long, Kari Long and Emily Fanus.

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 – Adin Matthes updated the Board on the following: senior nights; pep assemblies and rally lines; Thanksgiving dinner; winter formal; Christmas sing-along; serving the school and encouraging student participation.
- b. Athletic Director – Mrs. Hernandez reported for Mr. Rowilson regarding the wrap-up of fall sports; the sports awards banquet; winter sports parent meetings; coaching evaluations; reclassification of football petition; basketball and wrestling.
- c. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on SOAR assemblies; IAT meetings; field trips; Halloween parade; parent/teacher conferences; Expedition Yellowstone; Thanksgiving dinner; and Testing information.
- d. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on parent/teacher conferences; honor band auditions; SOAR assembly; field trips, FFA, motivational speaker Nick Tokman; National Honor Society; Flakesgiving; BPA; upcoming music concert; teacher peer observations; winter formal (SRO will be present).

IV. Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99615-99614 & 51907-51977; Payroll Warrants ACH 84157-84079 & 64547-64598; Activity voided checks, ACH, transfers, checks 17480-17538; Minutes: 10/15/2024 regular board meeting; Substitute teacher list. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Jason Stene 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. Resolution in Support of Military Children & Families – Mr. Begger provided background and the application materials in the Board packet to apply for Purple Star School Designation.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Military Children and Families and direct Mr. Begger to submit the draft application for consideration. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. Dawn Blain asked about the designation being posted on the school website. Kathy Grewell suggested a correction on the application. Ken Adams asked if there was a school club associated with the military, which Mr. Begger indicated there was not. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. USDA Inspected Food Donations – Board Policy 8200 states that the Board must approve all food donations. Joliet Schools received regular donation of beef that are processed in a USDA inspected facility.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve donations from USDA inspected facilities. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 8105 — School Bus Replacement – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8105. 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 8110 — Bus Routes & Schedules – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8110. 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 8121 — District Owned Vehicles – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8121. 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 8123 — Driver Training and Responsibility – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8123. Ken Adams seconded the motion. The board discussed the “rest” requirement for drivers. Dawn Blain would like Mr. Begger to follow up on that information. Karin Williams asked if coaches are required to drive buses, or if it is a voluntary situation. Mr. Begger indicated that coaches drive on a voluntary basis. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 8124 — Student Conduct on Buses – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8124. 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 8125 — School Bus Emergencies – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kraig Krook made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8125. 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 8129 — Chemical Safety – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8129. 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 8130 — Air Quality Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice and Competition – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kraig Krook made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8130. Ken Adams seconded the motion. The board discussed various aspects of the policy. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 8132 — Activity Trips – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion. Mr. Begger clarified that the optional language on Lines 1 through 3 on page two would be include, but the language on lines 5 through 11 on page two would not be included.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8132, as clarified by Mr. Begger. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was lengthy board discussion, after which Ken Adams made a motion to amend the current motion on the floor to exclude the optional language on lines 44 and 45 on page one. Kraig Krook seconded the amendment. There was no further board discussion on the amendment, and no public comment. The amendment was unanimously carried 8-0 (B). There was no further board discussion on the original motion on the floor, as amended, there was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 8205 — Meal Charge Policy – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8205. 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 8225 — Tobacco Use – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8225. Karin Williams seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked for clarification on the highlighted language. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Remove Policy 8400 — Sale of Real Property – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 12, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the removal of Policy 8400. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Personnel – Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Ahnna Goodrich as the head varsity girls’ basketball coach for the 2024-25 season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Ahnna Goodrich as the head varsity girls’ basketball coach for the 2024-25 season. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the November Personnel Action Report.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the November Personnel Action Report. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. MTSUIP Participation – Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board approve the MTSUIP membership agreement.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the MTSUIP membership agreement. Ken Adams 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 7110 — Budget and Program Planning – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7220 and 7220P — Title I – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7320 — Purchasing – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7332 — Advertising in Schools – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7405 — Procurement Cards – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7425F — Extra Curricular Funds – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7525 — Lease-Purchase Agreement – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 7625 — Use of Enhanced Tax Credits – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 7110, 7220, 7220P, 7320, 7332, 7405, 7425F, 7525 and 7625. Kelly Carrington 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: information on the following sports (with information provided by Jessie Hogsett, John Counter and Mandi Hernandez): softball, baseball, golf and girls’ wrestling; superintendent evaluation process; facilities master planning/maintenance logs; safety compliance report; YBGR tuition rates; 10/08/2024 policy committee minutes; 10/15/2024 building/grounds committee minutes; 10/21/2024 activities committee minutes; 10/23/2024 budget committee minutes; enrollment update; hiring/staffing update; and superintendent’s schedule.
- VII. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.

VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:

Distribute Superintendent Evaluation
Activities Committee Recommendation on Offering Addition Sports
Policy 8000 Series

IX. Next Board Meeting Date

Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2024 6:30 p.m. in the library

X. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Approved 12/10/24

Board Chair Lauren Blain

Clerk [Signature]