

## **Board of Trustees Special Meeting – June 30, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a special meeting on June 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Melvin Stene, and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Russ Salo, facility manager, and Dale Limberhand, assistant facility Manager. No other visitors were in attendance.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain initiated meeting protocols and began the meeting.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Melvin Stene seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. There was no public comment.

### III. **Facility Projects**

- a. **Shipping Containers** – shipping containers were discussed as an alternative to other storage previously discussed at other board meetings. The infestation of mice and insects in the upper pole barn impedes the District’s ability to safely store gear worn and used by students during various activities. The approval for the use of ESSER III funding to purchase shipping containers was granted by the Office of Public Instruction.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the purchase of shipping containers as a safe alternative to the current pole barn. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Asphalt Crack and Reseal** - Prior to shut down, the district was on a two-year rotation for crack repair and maintenance (reseal) of the parking lots. The District has two bids included in this board packet: one bid includes repairs, resealing and striping from the southwest middle school speed bump east through the high school parking lot (“main bid”), the other bid includes repairs to the middle school parking lot from the speed bump all the way to the playground concrete (“south end”). Currently, that area is all rubble. The amount of the two bids together totals \$51,817. With two coats of commercial grade sealer we could move to a 3-4-year cycle. Likely source of funding would be building reserve fund since this item is on the building reserve levy ballot that passed in May of 2019.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the “main bid” for asphalt repairs. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Melvin Stene made a motion to accept the “south end bid” for asphalt repairs. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Exterior Lighting - Exterior lighting around the entire building is a safety issue. The District will have High Altitude Electric assess and give a bid for the job. Because the lack of lighting on the building is a safety concern, the funding *could* come from Bus Depreciation and/or Transportation. The front of the building and gym parking lot areas will be prioritized, and the back of the building will follow given budget allowance. The facility manager will ask about the possibility of LED retrofitting for the current fixtures.

Melvin Stene made a motion to allow the Superintendent and Facility Crew to pursue work for the exterior lighting with prioritization of the front of the building/gymnasium parking lots, and with the idea that the Superintendent will not exceed her current budget authority of \$25,000. Kathy Grewell seconded. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Little League Baseball Field - The board of trustees used the new diagram and the new description presented by a private donor to approve the upgrades donated to the school.
1. The Joliet Board of Trustees acknowledges understanding that this project does not involve the Joliet Little League (JLL) in any way, and JLL bears no liability or responsibility for it.
  2. The Joliet Board of Trustees reiterates permission is granted for the private donors (Jennifer and Vinson Forsman) to proceed with the project.
  3. The Joliet Board of Trustees will allow an advertising banner for Jares Fencing to be placed somewhere on the fence in the lower baseball field during the baseball season. Jares Fencing provided a 25% discount on fencing and materials in exchange for the banner placement.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the proposal for the lower baseball field upgrades. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motioned passed unanimously.

- e. Sidewalks Around the Building - As the District shifts gears due to delayed projects, the facility crew may be able to sand and finish the uneven concrete around the school. This project would require equipment rental and manpower. Funding could be GF, BR, BD or TR due to the issue being related to safety. This was an informational and non-actionable item on the agenda.
- f. Archway to Field - Joliet Memorial Field archway leading to the track and football field rotted and had to be removed for safety reasons. If the school purchases the metal, it is possible that a local donor could do the work and construct another archway out of metal instead of wood - so that it can withstand Montana seasons. The District would be responsible for digging the post holes and helping with concrete stabilization. This was an informational and non-actionable item on the agenda.
- g. Science Lab - Facility crew, under consultation from the Superintendent, gutted the science lab and are completing the multi-year overhaul. Included in the packet is an invoice from a local granite vendor who will donate \$1,500 of labor, but needs \$3,500

down to purchase the leathered granite. This entire overhaul will cost \$7,000-\$11,000. Funding comes from ESSER III due to safety related issues and the installation of sinks and a dishwasher for better sanitization. This was an informational and non-actionable item on the agenda.

- h. Elementary HVAC - The District only has one bid, despite multiple attempts to attain others. If administration and facility can secure more bids, the Trustees will have to vote on the "most responsible bid". This project is of the utmost importance due to ventilation issues in the multi-purpose wing and elementary classrooms. The trustees discussed adding air conditioning to the elementary wing, and not just increased air circulation. Due to the nature of this project as it relates to improved air quality, the funding will eventually come from ESSER III. This was an informational and non-actionable item on the agenda.
- i. Bathroom Overhaul – The plumbing in the high school bathrooms is over 60 years old, as has been adequately established during other Board meeting discussions; however, the District will have to wait until later in this fiscal year. The work will not be accomplished until after next Memorial Day. Cotter’s Sewer can put Joliet District on their schedule if the Superintendent signs a Terms and Conditions agreement this month. Funding will be ESSER III.

Melvin Stene made a motion to sign the Terms and Conditions paperwork with the stipulation that the future bid does not exceed 10% of current bid of \$65,750. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Items for Next Agenda**

Establishing new budget authority for the Superintendent

**V. Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held July 12, 2021 in the Joliet School Library.

**VI. Adjournment**

Melvin Stene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved

10/16/2021

Board Chair

Jawn Blain

Clerk

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