

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 14, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on March 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain and Corie Mydland. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent and Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal. Visitors included Ryan Workman, Anthony Songstad, Kala Bertolino, Carri White, Kendall Newton, Sara Maruny, Shania Koenigshof, Noah Grewell, Mike Creeden, Laura de Oliveira Costa and Robert Worden.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests.

Mr. Stene explained and asked for public comment. Mike Creeden inquired about a complaint he submitted; the topic is on the agenda.

Corie Mydland made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council Update – Noah Grewell reported on activities for the month of February. A community dance was held and Valentines were done for Valentine's Day. Anthony Songstad reported on activities for the month of March. A Ski Day is planned with other activities available for those who do not wish to ski. Chair Stene inquired about Hat Day. Mrs. Vukonich said Hat Day was sponsored by the Rachel's Challenge students and \$450.00 was raised.
- b. H.S. Athletic Director Update – Ryan Workman provided the trustees with the sports schedules for next year as they are currently set and reviewed them. Impact testing was done today for high school students and the middle school students will be tested next. The track schedule was reviewed.
- c. Student Report on Foreign Language Day – Mrs. White and four students reported on Foreign Language Day at the University of Montana in Missoula. Eight students went on the trip. All students attended an Elementary Spanish class at the university. The students talked about their experiences during the day.
- d. Reading/Writing Curriculum Presentation – will be done next month as the presenter is ill.
- e. Building Update – Mrs. Evertz reported that the bus strobe light was knocked off again this year while being driven into the bus barn. The storage area in the computer lab has been fixed. The safety strap on the backboard has been replaced. The maintenance log was included in the board packet and an addition was passed out. Mrs. Evertz has received an estimate from another company for finishing the gym floors. The elementary is scheduled to be sprayed for bugs.

- V. Correspondence– A letter from the Beartooth Humans Alliance was included in the board packet for trustees. The 4H has asked if a bus could be available to transport students from the school to the Community Hall for a dance during their lab. Mrs. Evertz requested what the past practice has been with these requests. The policy has been that the requestor pays for the driver and gas and provides proof of insurance. Email from Mike Creeden will be discussed later in the agenda. A

thank you note was received from Dee Dee Preshinger and there was a letter from Felt, Martin, Frazier & Weldon.

VI. Old Business

- a. Insurance Rates – They will be released March 25.
- b. Mission Statement – Supt. Evertz read both proposed statements. Statement #2, “The Joliet Public School in partnership with home and community is committed to developing upstanding responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and independent thinkers who can effectively navigate their futures and reach their academic and personal potential.” was preferred by the trustees. There were no proposed changes by the trustees; therefore, the first reading is complete. Proposed changes will be considered during the second reading next month.

VII. New Business

a. 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Motion made by Sharon Songstad to approve district participation in the MPERA 457(b) Plan for voluntary employee contributions. Motion seconded by Corie Mydland. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Board Policy 1700

Motion made by Dawn Blain to reaffirm the use of Policy 1700 when a complaint is received. Motion seconded by Kathy Grewell. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Memorandum of Understanding from Montana Job Corps – Questions were answered on the differences between the Montana Youth Challenge and the Montana Job Corps.

Motion made by Corie Mydland to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion seconded by Justin Oswald. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Retirement Incentive Packages – There is no interest at this time.

e. Upcoming School Calendar 2016-17 – Calendar A received the most votes.

Motion made by Corie Mydland to accept Calendar A for the 2016-17 school year. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

f. MSGIA Safety Incentive Program through 2019 – Supt. Evertz reviewed the program.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to adopt the MSGIA Safety Incentive Program for three years. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel – A verbal resignation has been received from the Head H.S. Boys’ Basketball Coach.

- a. Track Coaching Position – The track coaches for this year will be Megan Bleile, Brice Turk, Samantha Anttila, Matt Mickelson, Patty Bergum-Nafts, Hallie Spoklie-Luoma.
- b. Head High School Boys’ Basketball Position – The Head High School Coach for next year will be George Warburton.

Megan Bleile has resigned her teaching position as her husband has been transferred to Butte. Motion made by Corie Mydland to accept her resignation. Motion seconded by Justin Oswald. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Supt. Evertz reviewed health clinics being held on campus April 4.

The warm-ups need to be replaced. They are five years old and in disrepair.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to purchase 80 warm-ups sets for the high school athletics department. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional topics discussed was possible state funding for the transitional work plans program for students, an update on the CogAT, a possible request to graduate early for next year, Suicide Prevention Speaker on March 21, Freedom Of Information request procedures, an "It's Your Choice" presentation scheduled for May 4 in Joliet, the driver's education teacher will be returning this summer and professional development with Kay Faust. Congratulations to Bob Reed who has been voted the Montana Forensic Educator's Association Coach of the Year. Mrs. Evertz will be attending the MTSBA Budget Symposium in Laurel on March 17 as well as the MASBO Budget Workshop on March 31. Also reviewed was a quote for computers for the freshman class with no action taken and the narrative from the book, "The Key Work of School Boards Guidebook." The open Math position will be posted on OPI's website tomorrow, the Masons are having a drawing for a kindle. The Booster Club will pay \$500.00 toward the Bison Volleyball System, so it has been ordered.

Marilyn Vukonich handed out her report and reviewed it. Items include track starts March 14 for high school and March 21 for middle school. A thank you was received for sending Mr. Massar to the NAAE National Conference. Facebook could be used to disseminate school information once it is set up for the school. The Rachel's Challenge group is doing presentations in the elementary focusing on kindness and helping others. She also reviewed the Suicide Speaker, the Senior Projects, the enrollment numbers, MS mini courses scheduled for April 20, 27 and May 11 in the afternoon and the Lion's Dessert Banquet on April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

X. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Insurance
- b. Lunch Program Report

The next board meeting date will be April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 4-11-16

Clerk Sheryl Roberts

Chairman John Albano