

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 15, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Doug Whitehead, Dawn Blain, Kathy Grewell, and Josh Bachler. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, Elementary/MS Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Mandi Hernandez, Cody Dworshak, Terra Rockhold Stene, Karin Williams, Russ Salo, Amber McQuillan, Stacie Nardinger, Tisa Wright, Danielle Sullivan, Candace Dworshak, Cynde Cole, Tanya Dvarishkis and Mike Creeden.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. Mr. Creeden offered public comment on potential legislation he is proposing, and running for school board.

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

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council – Cody Dworshak reported that the Student Council is working on a “Pie in the Face” fundraiser where staff may be placed on the list for a donation, and the staff member can make a donation to be removed from the list. Plans have been made to senior night this week, spirit days for next week’s tournaments, and fun days in April. The Student Council would like to discuss the closed campus policy for the lunch period with the Board. They would like to be allowed to drive off campus. Board Chair Stene indicated that the Council would need to be put on the agenda for next meeting, Superintendent Evertz stated she could help the Council fill out the necessary paperwork to be submitted to the Clerk.
- b. Athletic Director – Mandi Hernandez reported that this is the final week of regular season for high school basketball, with tournaments beginning on the 24th in Huntley. 7/8 grade basketball ended last week, and 6th grade basketball began last week. Middle school wrestling and softball discussions are ongoing with St. Francis. Track schedules are being developed.
- c. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review and Russ Salo discussed several points of the report.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Policy 7425F-Class Fundraising – The advent of COVID-19 and the ensuing cancellation of various activities for students necessitated changes in the financial management of funds collected by clubs and/or classes. Montana School Boards Association has updated this policy to reflect the ability, under specific circumstances, for some flexibility in the use of funds raised by students.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the third reading of Policy 7425F. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

- a. Senior Celebration – The Joliet Senior parents presented a tentative itinerary for graduation night, and asked for the Board to approve the use of a school bus to transport the seniors for the evening's events. Mr. Eik has volunteered to drive.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the use of a bus for the Senior Celebration 2021 grad party. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Bus Purchase – The district purchases a bus every two years and this is a purchasing year. The facility manager is getting quotes for a traditional, maximum capacity bus.
- c. District and JTA Negotiations – The JTA members asked for clarification regarding extracurricular stipends. The Business Manager has updated the stipend matrix contained within the CBA to include the three new stipends (NHS, BPA and Dual Credit). It has been discussed with the JTA that in the future, this stipend matrix should be included as an exhibit to the CBA to make the CBA less cumbersome. The JTA will be meeting this week and we are hopeful that the agreement will be ready for ratification at the March Board meeting.
- d. Chromebook Distribution – Superintendent Evertz discussed the distribution of Chromebooks to each classroom. Numbers of Chromebooks are not equal in each classroom based on need and usage.
- e. MS Softball and Wrestling – After discussions with St. Francis, the Joliet Middle School would like to enter into an MOU regarding softball and wrestling. Wrestling begins February 22, 2021 and the middle school softball season is in the fall. Middle school parents are responsible for getting players to practices and games.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the MOU with St. Francis for middle school wrestling and softball. Josh Bachler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Creeden asked during public comment if this was an elementary only issue. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Tractor Situation – Superintendent Evertz and Russ Salo updated the board on the status of the 40 year old tractor and the need to replace it. Mr. Salo is attempting to get bids on a new tractor, and he would like to test drive some options prior to bringing them to the Board for approval.
- g. Todd Family Scholarship Process – The Todd Family Charitable Trust donated funds to be utilized as scholarships for students pursuing a post-secondary education. The Policy Committee created a scholarship separate from the community scholarships to be managed by a Board of Trustees Subcommittee. After discussion, the committee members for this year will be: Melvin Stene, Dawn Blain and Doug Whitehead.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Resignations
Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Paige Smith effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the resignation of Paige Smith. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

b. Hiring

Due to a procedural error in the motion to hire Josh McQuillan at the January Board Meeting, the hiring will need to be done again.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Josh McQuillan as the second Assistant Middle School Boys' Basketball coach for the 2020-21 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Josh McQuillan as the second Assistant Middle School Boys' Basketball coach for the 2020-21 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Tessa Stambaugh as a MS/HS math teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Tessa Stambaugh as a MS/HS math teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: intervention assistance team; drink coolers returned to Coke; math candidate interviews; active shooter training; calendar committee; FFA Week; midterm; health insurance pre-enrollment meeting; high school academics.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board with an update on: K-8 instruction; aides; 100 days; inside recess; SpEd Team OPI monitoring; middle school basketball mid-day game (all middle school students attended with social distancing in place); book fair; I love to read month; Mason's donated kindles for prizes.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement. ESSER II funds will be released upon approval of the legislature, and the eGrants component in place on the OPI website.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Standards Based Grading
Campus lunch policy
Bus Purchase
Tractor Purchase
District Policy on Masks

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Kathy Grewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 03/08/2021

Chairman *Melvin S. Adams*

Clerk *[Signature]*