

## Board of Trustees Board Meeting – January 21, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 21, 2025 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: Stacie Nardinger, Ashley Nelson, Tammie Grewell, Gloria Hardy, Marlaina Myers, Kayla Cline, Stacie Lodermeier, Brandy Mettes, Alec Arana, Jenny Ingraham, John Counter, Keith Frank, Issac Fritz, Jessie Hogsett.

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. Jenny Ingraham offered public comment on an upcoming East Coast field trip opportunity in May of 2026 for middle school students. Tammie Grewell commented on the great community support for the Wilkerson family; she expressed her support for the school and the administration; She showed support for the girls' basketball program and the efforts of Coach Ahnna Goodrich.

### **III. Reports**

- a. Student Council – Keith Frank updated the Board on the Christmas sing along; Wilkerson family fundraiser; senior night; state Speech & Drama assembly; high school fun day and student engagement efforts.
- b. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on SOAR assembly; IAT meetings, the holiday music program; Christmas sing along; symphony performance for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Montana Audubon for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade; book fair; and testing update.
- c. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on the speech and drama community presentations; fundraising efforts for the Wilkerson family; Stomp performance at ABT; Showalter Music Festival; senior night; math substitute; horticulture; graduation status of Seniors; mentoring program; CPR training for Juniors; senior citizen lunch volunteer work; midterm; middle school mini courses; and extracurricular activities.

**IV.** Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99611-99610 & 52058-52111; Voided payroll checks, Payroll Warrants ACH 83997-83919 & 64665-64719; Activity voided checks, ACH, transfers, checks 17566-17590; Minutes: 12/10/2024 special board meeting; Routine Records Management; Substitute teacher list. Jason Stene made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Ken Adams 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. Softball Cooperative Agreement – After discussions in previous Board meetings and information provided by Laurel, the Activities Committee is recommending that the Board approve a softball cooperative with Laurel beginning with the 2026 season.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the softball cooperative with Laurel beginning with the 2026 season. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. Karin Williams asked about the activity fee and Ken Adams asked about fees paid by the District, Superintendent Begger and Mrs. Hernandez provided information on fees. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

2. Certified Staff Retirement Incentive – the Board chose to not take any action on this item at this time. It will be revisited at the February meeting.

3. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 2100 – School Calender & Day – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2100. 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 2120 – Curriculum & Assessment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2120. 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 2123 – Lesson Plan – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2123. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2132 – Student and Family Privacy Rights – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2132. 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 2160 and 2160P – Title I Parent & Family Engagement – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2160 and 2160P. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Removal of Policy 2151F-NF(1) – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the removal of Policy 2151F-NF(1). 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 Board approve the January 21, 2025 Personnel Action Report.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 Personnel Action Report. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was 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 8210 — Procurement for School Food Purchases and Use of Federal Funds – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 3, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 8310 — Memorials – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 3, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 8410 — Operation and Maintenance of District Facilities – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 3, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 8411 — Water Supply Systems and Wastewater – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 3, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 8425 and 8425P — Service Animals – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 3, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 8426 and 8426F — Therapy Animals – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 3, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 8210, 8310, 8410, 8411, 8425, 8425P, 8426, and 8426F. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

- VI. **Discussion/Informational Items** – Mrs. Smith provided the Board with an election update. Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Terra Rockhold Stene Human Rights Bureau Settlement Agreement; facilities master planning/maintenance logs; 12/02/2024 activities committee

minutes; 12/03/2024 policy committee minutes; 12/10/2024 budget committee minutes; enrollment update; hiring/staffing update; Policy 2510/RBHI; "Dealing with Negative Comments Online" and superintendent's schedule.

VII. **Correspondence** – Purple Star School and Betty Grewell.

VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:**

Election Resolutions

Hiring Spring Coaches and Activity Sponsors

Retirement Incentive

IX. **Executive Session** -- Dawn Blain determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session. Mrs. Hernandez, Mr. Richert and Mrs. Smith were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:07 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:57 p.m.

X. **Executive Session** -- Dawn Blain determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 9:04 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:16 p.m.

XI. **Next Board Meeting Date**

Special Board Meeting to view Human Rights Bureau videos – February 18, 2025 4:30 p.m. in the library

Regular Board Meeting – February 18, 2025 6:30 p.m. in the library

Superintendent Negotiations – TBD

Budget Committee – Levy Discussion -- TBD

X. **Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Approved

02/18/2025

Board Chair



Clerk

