

Board of Trustees Board Meeting – February 18, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on February 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell, Kraig Krook and Jason Stene. 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: Tammie Grewell, Sam Smith, Emily Fanus, Kaleb Price, Brody Anderson, Barry Rowilson, Blaise Lodermeier, Emma Horn and Jeremy Dewell.

Amanda Dinsdale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Dinsdale welcomed guests and asked for public comment. Tammie Grewell offered public comment on an East Coast field trip for middle school students. She also gave information regarding the upcoming Spelling Bee.

III. Reports

- a. Student Council – Brody Anderson and Emma Horn updated the Board on state speech & drama assembly; fundraising at the younger basketball players' games; senior night; basketball pep assembly; high school fun day; decorating graduation caps; student council trip to Salt Lake City and student engagement efforts. Kathy Grewell and Ken Adams asked about the trip; Mr. Price and the students provided details.
- b. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson updated the Board on District basketball; high school track begins March 10th (29 athletes); fall scheduling; indicated that transportation has been great to work with during the busy winter sports season.
- c. Transportation Director – Mr. Smith updated the Board on camera installation on buses; weather and discussions about purchasing a new bus.
- d. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on SOAR assemblies; IAT meetings; PAX training; kindergarten roundup; PIR day activities; Valentine's Day; teacher evaluations; end of Q3 and testing update.
- e. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on speech and drama; FFA competitions; national FFA week; spelling bee; state wrestling; senior night; field trips; World Quest; Science Olympiad; middle school mini courses; science bowl; and middle school dance.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99609-99608 & 52113-52172; Payroll Warrants ACH 83918-83839 & 64720-64752; Activity ACH, transfers, checks 17591-17638; Minutes: 01/21/2025 regular board meeting; Routine Records Management; Substitute teacher list; New Library Book List. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Elementary Election Resolution -- The District needs to take action to hold an elementary trustee election. There are three open elementary trustee seats. The deadline to file an Oath of Candidacy is March 27, 2025. An elementary general fund levy is also being considered. Actual levy amounts do not need to be determined at this time, and trustees may cancel the levy election, once more budget information is available for consideration.

Ken Adams made a motion to pass a resolution to declare an elementary trustee and elementary general fund levy mail ballot election. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 5-0 (E).

2. High School Election Resolution -- A high school general fund levy is being considered. Actual levy amounts do not need to be determined at this time, and trustees may cancel the levy election, once more budget information is available for consideration.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to pass a resolution to declare a high school general fund levy mail ballot election. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (H).

3. Certified Staff Retirement Incentive – the Board chose to not take any action on this item at this time.

4. Personnel

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the hiring of Mark G. Albrecht as the Head High School Track Coach for the 2025 season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Mark G. Albrecht as the Head High School Track Coach for the 2025 season. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the February 18, 2025 Personnel Action Report.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025 Personnel Action Report. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

The Negotiations Committee met on January 28, 2025 to discuss Mr. Begger's contract. A draft of the contract was provided in the Board packet. The Committee is recommending that the Board approve the draft contract for Superintendent Begger.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the draft contract for Clark Begger. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked about the one year extension, which was explained by the committee. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

5. Joliet Little League MOU – A copy of the MOU with the Joliet Little League for their use of the lower baseball field was provided in the Board packet.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the MOU with the Joliet Little League. Jason Stene seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked if there were any changes from

the previous MOU (there were no material changes). Ken Adams commented that he appreciates the community member input and work on the baseball field. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (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 2100 — School Calendar & Day – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 14, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second 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.

Second 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.

Second 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.

Second 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 second readings of Policy 2100, 2120, 2123, 2132, 2160 and 2160P. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: snow day on 02/03/2025; kindergarten roundup; 2025-2026 master calendar; facilities logs/master plan; 01/14/2025 policy committee minutes; 01/14/2025 transportation committee; 01/21/2025 budget committee minutes; MTSBA annual membership survey; enrollment update; hiring/staffing update; Policy 2510; winter academic testing and superintendent’s schedule.

- VII. Correspondence** – McQuillan family; Jenny Alexander.

VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:

Set Permissive Levy Amounts
Set General Fund Election Levy Amounts
Todd Family Scholarship
Board Clerk Evaluation Distributed
2025-2026 Academic Calendar
Certified Teacher Renewals and Non-Renewals

IX. Next Board Meeting Date

- Negotiations Committee – March 10, 2025 4:00 PM
- Policy Committee – March 11, 2025 4:00 PM
- Budget Committee – Levy Discussion – March 11, 2025 5:30 PM
- Regular Board Meeting – March 18, 2025 6:30 p.m. in the library
- Facilities Committee – March 25, 2025 6:30 PM
- Transportation Committee – April 22, 2025 5:30 PM

X. Adjournment

Ms. Dinsdale adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Approved 03/18/2025
Board Chair *Kevin Blaw*

Clerk *[Signature]*