

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 16, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on July 16, 2024 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 (arrived at 6:45 p.m.). 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 and Barry Rowilson.

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. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

- a. Athletic Director – Barry Rowilson reported to the Board that schedules are mostly set for cross country, volleyball and football. Coaches and parent meetings are set for August 14th. Track season wrapped up with 3 state qualifiers (the lobby will be updated with that information); Referee schedules have been completed; MHSA forms are in process; homecoming will be the week of September 23rd; there will be a separate 5/6 volleyball parent meeting; uniform purchases are being completed. Ken Adams asked if middle school will be able to participate in the home cross country meet; Mr. Rowilson indicated that they would be able to participate.
- b. Testing Results – Mr. Begger gave an overview of the latest MAPs test results.
- c. Business Manager – Ms. Smith stated that the FY 2024 books have been closed, and preliminary financial information was provided to trustees in the packet. Once the audit is complete, finalized financial information will be provided to the board.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claims, voided checks, Warrants ACH 99627-99626 & checks 51631-51689; Payroll Warrants ACH 84259-84304 & 64395-64487; Activity voided checks, ACH, transfers, and checks 17397-17404; JV 540 and 546; Minutes: 06/18/2024 regular board meeting. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Personnel

Superintendent Begger and Selection Committee recommend hiring Mikaela Raville as the high school assistant volleyball coach for the 2024 season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Mikaela Raville as the high school assistant volleyball coach for the 2024 season. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger and the Daycare Director recommend the Board approve the July Classified Staff Personnel Action Report.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the July Classified Staff Personnel Action Report. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. Ken Adams asked about funding and the accounting; Mr. Begger indicated the daycare is funded by the parents and there will be a separate fund for the daycare. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

2. 2024-2025 Handbooks – The Board discussed changes to the handbooks, specifically regarding the change in the cell phone policy. Public comment was offered by Tammie Grewell with regard to the effects of cell phone use she has witnessed with students; enforcement by staff; and emergency situations where the students need to be focused on their teacher and not on their phone. After a lengthy discussion regarding the changes, the Board chose to table the action until next month.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to table any action on the 2024-2025 Handbooks. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no other board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B) (Trustee Williams arrived at the meeting).

3. 2024 MTSBA Membership Electronic Ballot – Board Chair Blain, Superintendent Begger and District Clerk Smith provided a draft ballot in the board packet.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the 2024 MTSBA Membership Electronic Ballot and direct Board Chair Blain to submit the ballot. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. 2024-2025 MTSBA Invoice Review & Approval – The MTSBA invoices were included in the packet for the Board to review for membership and policy services. District Clerk Smith notified the Board that an invoice for legal services was not included, but was received from MTSBA today.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the invoices for continued membership, policy services and legal services with MTSBA. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 1441 – Audience Participation – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on June 27, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1441. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 4311 – Complaints Against District Employees – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on June 27, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4311. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 1700 F1 — Uniform Complaint Procedure-Form – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on June 27, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1700 F1. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

B. Old Business

1. Goal Setting // Objectives // Strategic Plan – The Board reviewed and discussed the District’s Strategic Plan, progress towards the goals, and future actions on June 18, 2024 and asked Superintendent Begger to make some changes to the Plan. Those changes have been incorporated.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the updated Strategic Plan. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no other board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Montana Schools Property & Liability Insurance premiums; teacher evaluation tool (MT EPAS); fall open house plans; CNA data team review update; facilities master planning and building reserve levy update; maintenance logs; enrollment update; hiring/staffing update; 06/18/2024 budget committee minutes; 06/18/2024 activities committee minutes; 06/24/2024 hiring committee minutes; 06/24/2024 activities committee minutes; 06/27/2024 policy committee minutes; 06/27/2024 facilities committee minutes; superintendent’s schedule; safe return & continuity of services.
- VII. Correspondence** – Thank you letter from members of the track team and correspondence from the Joliet Christian Church were provided in the packet.
- VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:**
Handbooks
Final FY25 Budget Adoption
Substitute Teacher Approval
- IX. Next Board Meeting Date**
Special Board Meeting and Budget Adoption – August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – Library
(Note: because of the budget adoption time line, there is no regular August meeting)
- 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. Mrs. Hernandez, Mr. Richert and Mrs. Smith were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:45 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Approved 08/13/2024

Board Chair Lauren Blain

Clerk 