

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Melvin Stene, Kathy Grewell, Sharon Songstad and Doug Whitehead. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, Elementary/MS Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Mandi Hernandez, Jason Stene, Michael Gebhardt, Cristy Hoferer, Ken Adams, Marlea Lipka, Mike Creeden, Kayleen Torbert, Alane O'Dore, Amanda Dinsdale, Laura Smith, Breanna Blain, Olivia Collins, Jackson Creeden, Bretlinn Koerper and Ben Miller.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. Mike Creeden offered public comment.

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

IV. Reports

- a. School Nutrition – Food Services Director, Laura Smith, updated the Board on breakfast and lunch service. There has been an increase in the number of students served at both breakfast and lunch. Laura stated that some foods are difficult to get, but she is able to work through those issues. She also stated that food prices are going up.
- b. Student Council – Breanna Blain provided the Board with the procedure seniors must follow to receive approval of graduation cap decorations.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve allowing the senior class of 2022 to decorate their caps according to the procedures laid out by the students. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Athletic Director – Ms. Hernandez notified the Board that track meets are ongoing, weather permitting. Joliet will be hosting a middle school track meet on May 5th in Columbus. The Joliet/BCC co-op softball team has three girls participating, and is undefeated so far this season. There will be no Harlowton football game in the fall, however Broadview/Lavina has been added to the master schedule.
- d. BPA – The BPA team provided the Board with the Global Markets Presentation. The team placed 2nd at State and is going to Nationals. The students also provided the Board with a flyer for their fundraising carnival scheduled for April 22, 2022.
- e. Building Report – The building report was provided in the Board packet for review. Cotter's Sewer has been secured for the high school bathroom remodel this summer. ATS Inland will be working on the HVAC system.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Review Certified Ballot – The Board was provided copies of the certified Elementary Trustee Ballot, the Elementary Tech Levy Ballot, and the High School Tech Levy Ballot.

VII. New Business

- a. Summer School – Joliet Elementary usually offers summer school to K-8 students who require extra academic time. The summer session is tentatively planned for June 13 through July 1. The classes will be from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday. Teachers are given 4 hours per day plus and extra 8 hours to prepare for the session. The total contract would be for 68 hours, creating a stipend of \$1,700 per teacher. Last year we had four sessions due to learning loss needs. The District will need to employ two teachers, keeping in mind that each summer class is capped at 10 students.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve two K-8 summer school positions for 2022. Melvin Stene seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. BPA National Trip Request – The BPA has six students traveling to Dallas, TX for the national BPA convention. The students are currently fundraising to earn money for the trip. The District typically helps the FFA with their national trips with a \$200 per student contribution. The BPA would like to ask the board for the same type of contribution this year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to support the Joliet BPA by paying \$200 per student for the 2022 National Convention. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. JPS Donation to Scholarship Fund – Every spring the District donates \$1,000 from each district to the JPS Scholarship Fund.

Melvin Stene made a motion to donate \$1,000 from each district for a total of \$2,000 to the JPS Scholarship Fund. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Marlea Lipka and Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. MOU Joliet Little League – The Memorandum of Understanding with the Joliet Little League is up for renewal.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to renew the MOU with the Joliet Little League for the 2022 season. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was discussion about the softball program. Marlea Lipka offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. MTSBA Policy Update – The Montana School Boards Association provided updates to policies to be compliant with state and federal law and best practice.

Justin Oswald made a motion to move this agenda item to a policy committee meeting for a thorough review of changes. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Classified Staff Vacation Payout – Employees who have accumulated an excess of two years' worth of vacation time are allowed under Policy 5334P to request a payout of the excess vacation hours.

Melvin Stene made a motion to approve the payout of excess vacation to classified employees. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- g. High School Math Requirements – The Board discussed the current graduation requirements for Joliet High School. Additional discussion will be required before the Board makes any decision about a potential change to the graduation requirements.

VIII. Personnel

a. Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Nicole Juhnke as summer help for the 2022 summer season.

Melvin Stene made a motion to hire Nicole Juhnke as summer help for the 2022 summer season. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Annie Olson as summer help for the 2022 summer season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Annie Olson as summer help for the 2022 summer season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Ben Ray as the weight room program supervisor.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Ben Ray as the weight room program supervisor. Melvin Stene seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of John Counter's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the renewal of John Counter's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Kendall Denham's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the renewal of Kendall Denham's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Emily Fanus' teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the renewal of Emily Fanus' teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Isaac Fritz' teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Melvin Stene made a motion to approve the renewal of Isaac Fritz' teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Kristen Goodwin's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the renewal of Kristen Goodwin's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Cailen Herriford's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the renewal of Cailen Herriford's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Melvin Stene seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Anna Killebrew's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the renewal of Anna Killebrew's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Tracy MacArthur's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the renewal of Tracy MacArthur's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Jodi Milton's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the renewal of Jodi Milton's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Annie Olson's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the renewal of Annie Olson's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Kaleb Price's teaching contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the renewal of Kaleb Price's teacher contract for the 2022-23 school year. Melvin Stene 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 the following tenure teachers (in alphabetical order by last name): Patty Bergum-Nafts, Cynde Cole, Gloria Hardy, Kevin Kriskovich, Shay Lind, Chad Massar, Karen McKay, Stacie Nardinger, Alane O'Dore, Marcie Peters, Carol Sherman, Kayleen Torbert, Brice Turk, Colette Webber, George Warburton and Crystal Wright for the 2022-23 school year.

Melvin Stene made a motion to approve the list of tenure teachers for the 2022-23 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Principal/Business Manager Reports

High School Principal – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: high school academics; biomechanics day; FFA trip to a hog farm; ACT for the juniors; honor band mini tour; spring break; BPA carnival; prom; BPA trip to Dallas; and the athletic banquet.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board with an update on: K-8 instruction; testing; upcoming field trips; dyslexia testing and the GATE conference.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, a financial statement, and an election update.

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 8:00 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

Melvin Stene made a motion to expel student #1083 for 1 year with readmission contingent upon recommendation of professionals. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

XI. Items for Next Agenda

Classified Staff Hiring
Canvass Election Results

XII. Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan

No changes to the Plan were necessary.

XIII. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held May 9, 2022 in the Joliet School Library.

XIV. Adjournment

Melvin Stene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 5-9-22

Board Chair Lawn Blawn

Clerk [Signature]