

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 21, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Jason Stene, Doug Whitehead and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager; Mandi Hernandez MS/HS Principal and Theresa Keel, K1-5 Principal. Visitors in attendance were: Delaney Bauwens, Maren Walstad, Kinley Erickson, Shelby Sticka, Stacie Nardinger, Cynde Cole, Carson May, Emmet Peabody, Morgan Bray and Ethan Boone.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **III. Reports**

- a. Junior Class Prom – Maren Walstad, Kinley Erickson and Shelby Sticka presented the Junior class plans for the prom to the Board. The costs will include \$470 for the portable toilets, \$630 for the DJ, plus drinks and snacks. There will be a Second Chance Prom on March 31<sup>st</sup> for the parents, which will help raise funds for the Junior class. The prom is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob Reed will be there as law enforcement, and each class will provide 2 chaperones. A slideshow highlighted the venue, afterwards the Board asked question about the event.
- b. BPA Funding Request – Mrs. Cole indicated that 8 students qualified for BPA Nationals in Anaheim this year. Our BPA students also won the Spirit of Professionalism award at the state competition. Carson May, Emmet Peabody, Morgan Bray and Ethan Boone presented their BPA project to the Board, which they will be presenting at the BPA Nationals event. The Board asked about the skills they acquired by doing this project and how those skills translate into future career plans. The BPA will request funding at the next regularly scheduled board meeting to help with travel costs.
- c. Student Council – Delaney Bauwens reported to the Board on the High School fun day, which included skiing, bowling and the trampoline park. The student council will be providing support for the community play in April. Plans are being made for the staff/senior softball game, final pep assemblies and graduation activities.
- d. Athletic Director – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on high school track, which began March 13<sup>th</sup>. Middle school track began March 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be no 6<sup>th</sup> track team unless Harlowton has a 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet.
- e. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on MS/HS academics; District Music Festivals; State BPA; State FFA; Science Olympiad and Science Bowl-along. Mr. Fritz took students to World Quest in Missoula. There will be two upcoming math competitions: the MCTM and the WCTM. Biomechanics day is in Bozeman on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prom is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Honor Band mini tour is April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the gym, which the public is invited to attend. Joliet has a large representation on the honor band this year. The BPA carnival is set for April 14<sup>th</sup>. A letter was sent to next year's juniors and seniors regarding the 1-2-Free program. Community scholarship donor letters are going out the first week in April. The school received NFHS profit share payments of \$3,576.64.
- f. K1-5 Principal – Ms. Keel updated the Board on the SOAR assembly; Kindles donated by the Masons; Pi Day (Ms. Keel will take 2 pies to the face from the winners); and MS JMG work with

the leprechaun shenanigans with the elementary students. Feedback from teachers on the new ELA adoption is being reviewed. Ms. Keel is attending virtual training for SBAC, ACT and AP to prepare to train staff for Spring testing. March IAT meetings were completed, and 7 students were exited from Title interventions. Pax is ongoing and students are working on their lunchroom expectations. Information was sent out to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents regarding the NAEP assessment taking place March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The March SOAR assembly (and Pi face) will take place March 31<sup>st</sup>. Our facilities crew has fenced off the blacktop to prevent any injuries to students. A 3 year-old Special Education Services room has been set up behind Ms. Keel's office.

- g. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet. The Board was provided with the Preliminary (Pre-Session) Budget Data Sheets for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants: ACH 99684-99687 & checks 50613-50665; Payroll Warrants ACH 85261-85336 & 63384-63428; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16845-16884; Minutes: 02/21/2023 and 03/07/2023; Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Jason Stene 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. Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies – State law requires school districts to provide notice to the public of its intent to increase permissive (non-voted) levies in the ensuing fiscal year. The Resolution of Intent was provided to the Board. This notice provides estimates of expected increases and/or decreases, and the impact of those on taxpayers. The notice must be published by March 31, 2023. These are estimates only, and final numbers will not be available until FY23 books are closed and we receive tax valuation numbers from the State in August.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Elementary Levies. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in High School Levies. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

2. Personnel – Estelle Whitman, has tendered her resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Estelle Whitman at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to accept the resignation of Estelle Whitman at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Loren Bangert, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, has tendered his resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Loren Bangert.

Jason Stene made a motion to accept the resignation of Loren Bangert. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

Brenda Wetstein, Aide, has tendered her resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Brenda Wetstein at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to accept the resignation of Brenda Wetstein at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Joey Richert as the K1-5 principal for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Joey Richert as the K1-5 Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Darcey Posey as an Assistant High School track coach for the 2023 season.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Darcey Posey as an Assistant High School track coach for the 2023 season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger recommend re-hire of all tenured teachers in the District. Current tenured teachers are: Patricia Bergum-Nafts, Cynde Cole, Gloria Hardy, Kevin Kriskovich, Shay Lind, Chad Massar, Karen McKay, Jodi Milton, Stacie Nardinger, Alane O'Dore, Marcie Peters, Hallie Spoklie-Luoma, Kayleen Torbert, Brice Turk, George Warburton, Colette Webber and Crystal Wright.

Ken Adams made a motion to re-hire all of the tenured teachers, who are: Patricia Bergum-Nafts, Cynde Cole, Gloria Hardy, Kevin Kriskovich, Shay Lind, Chad Massar, Karen McKay, Jodi Milton, Stacie Nardinger, Alane O'Dore, Marcie Peters, Hallie Spoklie-Luoma, Kayleen Torbert, Brice Turk, George Warburton, Colette Webber and Crystal Wright for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Kendall Denham as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no

board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Emily Fanus as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Emily Fanus as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Kristen Goodwin as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Kristen Goodwin as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Kaleb Price as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Kaleb Price as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Isaac Fritz as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Isaac Fritz as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Cailen Herriford as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Cailen Herriford as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Tracy MacArthur as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Tracy MacArthur as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Darcey Posey as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Darcey Posey as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Chalee Richert as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Chalee Richert as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Callie Atkinson as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Callie Atkinson as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Salina Koerper as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Salina Koerper as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Nathan Oren as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Nathan Oren as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Hunter Yordsilp as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Hunter Yordsilp as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

3. First Reading of Policy 1705 & 1705F — Possession of Firearms/Weapons on School District Property – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on February 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1705 & 1705F. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

4. First Reading of Policy 4301 — Visitors in Schools – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on February 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4301. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

5. First Reading of Policy 4411 — Interrogation and Investigations Conducted by School Officials – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on February 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4411. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

6. 2023-24 Academic Calendar – The Board was provided with 4 different options for the 2023-24 Academic Calendar. After much discussion the Board decided to table the vote until a different calendar could be presented which addressed all of the concerns.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to table the 2023-24 Academic Calendar. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no more board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

7. Annual Leave Payout for Marlaina Myers – Per MCA 2-18-617 and District Policy 5334P employees may request a payout of their unused vacation over the allowable accrual amount.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the payout of annual leave to Marlaina Myers. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

#### VI. Discussion Items

The Board discussed the evaluation tool and process for the Board Clerk. A modified evaluation tool will be sent to the Board, which will be due April 5, 2023.

- VII. Informational – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Summary of a phone call with A&E Architects; Hiring, Policy and Negotiations Committee Minutes; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Facility Logs; Current Enrollment; Kindergarten Roundup, K-8 ELA Curriculum Adoption; Calendar/Schedule Committee Update; Active Shooter Response Training; and Safe Return to Schools and Continuity of Services Plan.

- VIII. Correspondence – The District will be sending thank you letters to the following donors: Mountain Air and JNR Excavating. The Board was provided with correspondence from Sarah Walstad.

#### IX. Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:

2023-2024 Academic Calendar

Board Clerk Evaluation

Superintendent Quarterly Performance Review

Review Certified Ballot (if available)  
Administrative Contracts

**X. Next Board Meeting Date**

Regular Board Meeting – April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Approved 4-18-23  
Board Chair *Laura Blain*

Clerk *[Signature]*