

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 13, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Doug Whitehead and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger K-8 Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Sam Anttila, Zac Golden, Jennifer Ingraham, Cynde Cole, Alyssa Taborsky, Cassidy Richardson, and Chloe Jennison.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Board: Alyssa Taborsky reported that the winter dance was successful and the student board is now preparing for the fun day on February 24, 2020.
- b. BPA: Mrs. Cole reported to the Board that there are 15 members of the BPA (5 boys and 10 girls). Some of the students attended the fall leadership conference, and the regional competition on December 10th. Students Cassidy Richardson, Chole Jennison and Alyssa Taborsky then presented the Board with their various areas of competition in the BPA and the results of the latest competition.
- b. Athletic Director Report: Ms. Anttila reported that middle school boys' basketball has started. The 6th grade team is working to set up games for February. MHSAA will be having an AD meeting in Billings. One item up for vote is whether to include girls' wrestling. If this passes, Joliet will need another boys' sport which may include power lifting, bowling or rugby. MHSAA is also considering allowing 8th grade to participate in high school sports without filing a petition. In our current boys' wrestling program we have one athlete competing.
- c. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review. Superintendent Evertz discussed the drain issue with the new water bottle filling station in the middle school and the new proximity security system that is being installed by Dale & Jax.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Bottle Filing Machines – The District purchased three bottle filing stations to reduce lead and other harmful particulates per DPHHS changes. Once the drain issue in the middle school is resolved, all three machines will be operational.

VII. New Business

- a. Suicide Prevention Training – The teachers will have a suicide prevention training on the next PIR day. The presenter is local, and the session will go over QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer). The Board was provided with youth suicide statistical information.
- b. DPHHS Air Quality – The Board was apprised of proposed changes to ARM 71.111.801, which is an administrative rule regarding health matters in Montana Public Schools. As a preemptive

measure, Supt. Evertz asked for a quote from a local vendor on the cost of cleaning the ventilation system. The initial estimate was \$51,115. The District will await further information before moving forward on any necessary items to be in compliance if the proposed changes are adopted.

- c. Election Resolution – There will be two elementary trustee positions open during this election cycle. According to Montana State Statute, Trustees must call for an election at least 70 days prior to Election Day.

Justin Oswald made a motion to call for an elementary trustee election on May 5, 2020 with the election being a mail ballot election. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. Interest Based Bargaining – Supt. Evertz discussed the premise behind interest based bargaining as an alternative to the traditional positional bargaining process that has been utilized in the past. The Board decided to explore the concept and engage in training. Supt. Evertz will gather more information to present at a future date.
- f. MHSA Sportsmanship Award – The District received recognition from MHSA for “good-sporting behavior”. All of Joliet’s MHSA sanctioned activities were completed without an ejection of any student or coach, which means we demonstrated citizenship and sportsmanship in regular and post-season competition.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Retirement

Janet Williams notified the Board of her intention to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year effective June 30, 2020. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Williams for her 32 years of dedicated service to the students of Joliet Schools.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the retirement of Mrs. Williams. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Jennifer Stone notified the Board of her intention to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year effective May 21, 2020. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Stone for her 3 years of dedicated service to the students of Joliet Schools.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the retirement of Ms. Stone. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Jennifer Ingraham as an English Language Arts teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Jennifer Ingraham as an English Language Arts teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 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 hiring of Issa Sharpe as an elementary aide for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Issa Sharpe as an elementary aide for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Holiday concerts and Sing-a-long; a wheelchair available for use on campus if the need arises; insurance shopping; Reflex Protect Training; transferability of credit to colleges; new teachers; semester exams; MORP dance; mini courses for middle school; voting on actionable agenda items going forward to follow precedent in policy 1105; MTSBA ballot voting.

Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on happenings in the Elementary and Middle School; Math Curriculum textbook adoption; PAX Trainer Training and strategies employed by the District.

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

X. Items for Next Agenda

Superintendent Evaluation
Dual Credit Teacher Stipend

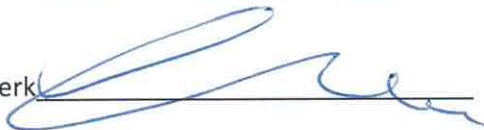
XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 02/10/2020

Clerk 

Chairman 