

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 17, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell, and Jason Stene. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; Joey Richert, K1-5 Principal; and Marlaina Myers, Administrative Assistant. Visitors in attendance were: Stefan Shoemaker, Tammie Grewell, Samuel Smith, Jodi Milton and Stacie Nardinger.

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. Student Council – Stefan Shoemaker reported on Homecoming festivities which had great participation from all students. Student Council walked up to the “J” and installed solar lights, which will be an annual project. The Council is working on upcoming events.
- b. Teacher Report – Mrs. Milton provided a presentation on the Decimal Diner and uncommon calculator. She explained thinking about adding and subtracting integers. Standing up learning is a goal. She also discussed what 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are currently learning.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99660-99656 & checks 51046-51123; Payroll Warrants ACH 84972-84905 & 63820-63851; Activity ACH, transfers, voided checks, checks 17031-17074; Minutes: 09/18/2023 board meeting; personnel action report. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Amanda Dinsdale 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. Personnel – The Hiring Committee conducted interviews on September 28, 2023 and is recommended hiring Nicole Juhnke as the Head Facilities Director for the 2023-24 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Nicole Juhnke as the Head Facilities Director for the 2023-24 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the October Elementary Coach Personnel Action Report.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the October Elementary Coach Personnel Action Report. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 5-0 (E).

2. Purchasing of Yellow School Buses – The Transportation Committee met on September 28<sup>th</sup> to review the quotes for the purchase of two yellows buses.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the quote and purchase of two yellow school buses. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Samuel

Smith offered public comment on the new bus features. 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 5012 & 5012P – Sexual Harassment of Employees – The Policy Committee reviewed these policies on August 8, 2023. 5012 is an update and 5012P is new to the district and outlines a procedure, both are recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 1112 – Trustee Resignation – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 1113 & 1113P – Trustee Vacancies – The Policy Committee reviewed these updated policies on August 8, 2023. These policies are an update and are recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2332 – Religion and Religious Activities – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2450 – Recognition of Native American Cultural Heritage – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2600 – Work Based Learning Program – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is new and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy. The Policy Committee will examine 2600P & 2600F at the next committee meeting

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policies 5012, 5012P, 1112, 1113, 1113P, 2332, 2450 and 2600. Ken Adams 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: 09/05/2023 Hiring Committee Minutes; 09/07/2023 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; 09/11/2023 Hiring Committee Minutes; 09/19/2023 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; 09/28/2023 Hiring Committee Minutes; 09/28/2023 Transportation Committee Minutes; 09/28/2023 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; Plans for building growth; Happy with the work of the architects; Negotiations; Hiring/Staffing Update; Superintendent’s Schedule..

Mrs. Hernandez provided the Board with information on the following: Mentoring program; MT Repertory Theatre performance; NILE competition; MS SOAR Assembly; Pack it for Price Night; End of

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the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; BPA Haunted House; Choir Trip; PSAT for Juniors; Veteran's Day Assembly; GATE activities; 6-12 instructional activities.

Mr. Richert provided the Board with information on the following: Reading and Math MAPS Testing; iReady Training; September SOAR Assembly; IAT Meetings; Homecoming Week Activities; Joliet Fire Department Presentation; K1-5 instructional activities; Elks Hoop Shoot.

VII. **Correspondence** – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**  
Discretionary enrollment for non-resident students

IX. **Next Board Meeting Date**  
Negotiations Meeting – November 14, 2023 at 4 p.m.  
Board Training – November 16, 2023 at 5 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting – November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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. Myers was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 7:30 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:31 p.m.

XI. **Adjournment**  
Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Approved 11/21/2023

Board Chair

Dawn Blain

Clerk

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