

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – May 21, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on May 21, 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, Justin Oswald, Jason Stene and Karin Williams. 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: Stacie Nardinger, Kayla Cline, Jack Cline, Josh Harris, Cloee Blain, Cynde Cole, Chad Williams, Ashley Nelson, Tammie Grewell, Talitha Donnan, Anorra Belston, Aubrey Alexander, Josh Alexander, Samuel Smith, Hal Lewis, Sam Lewis, Terra Rockhold Stene, Keith Frank, Hanah Bazaldua, Blaire Bazaldua, Kraig Krook, Scott Blain, Marilyn Vuckonich and Ben Miller.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests.

III. Reports

- a. Gifted & Talented – Tammie Grewell, Aubrey Alexander, Anorra Belston and Sam Lewis reported to the Board on a field trip they took to the Billings Career Center. The students described courses that they would be interested in taking, such as principles of plant science, urban agriculture, introduction to the operating room, and engineering/3D printing. Mrs. Grewell provided the Board with a course catalog for their information.
- b. BPA – Jack Cline, Cloee Blain, Keith Frank and Ben Miller reported on the BPA National Convention trip to Chicago. Kathy Grewell thanked Cynde Cole for her work with the BPA program.
- c. Transportation – Mr. Smith reported that the two new buses have arrived. One will be a route bus and the other will be utilized for activities during the warm seasons. Both buses came with good extended warranties. The year went well for the transportation department and all routes were covered every day. There was great cooperation with everyone to keep things running smoothly. Jackie Schara is retiring, but will return to sub. Scott Dove will be our new route driver.
- d. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on the PAX visit with Mrs. Beatty (feedback was that all teachers are doing a great job implementing PAX into their classrooms); FFA Ag day; K1-3 and 4th-8th concerts; field day with Mr. Denham.
- e. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on: NHS, FFA, Lions and Activities banquets; concerts; field trips; GATE presentations; Q4 MS SOAR assembly; senior presentations and the 2024-25 MS/HS draft schedule.
- f. Testing Results – Mr. Begger gave an overview of the latest MAPs and iReady test results.

IV. Public Comment – Ms. Blain explained procedure and asked for public comment. Public comments offered by:

Hal Lewis – Commented on his children’s progress this year, both in academics and athletics. He stated he is happy with the new FFA officers and advisor, and indicated he is happy to discuss this year’s process with anyone.

Terra Rockhold Stene – Disappointed she was not hired as a coach for next year. Discussed the complaint she filed with the District. Does not feel the complaint has been handled properly.

Blaire Bazaldua – Commented on the District’s decision to not rehire Ms. Rockhold Stene, and would like the Board to reconsider.

Marilyn Vuckonich – Appreciates the Board members and the difficult decisions they have to make. Stated there are great opportunities for students, and the testing results are great.

Kayla Cline – She feels students do not feel heard or safe. Does not feel due process has been followed. Students don’t feel they can speak up.

Scott Blain – Congratulated the Board on passing the building reserve levies. Feels it is great the school is growing while other are not. Discussed the CTE program. States full transparency is important. Would like the public to have more input on Board decisions.

- V. Consent Agenda: JVs, Claim Warrants ACH 99632-99630 & checks 51501-51565; Payroll Warrants ACH 84452-84380 & 64157-64206; Activity ACH, transfers, and checks 17339-17352; Minutes: 04/16/2024 regular board meeting. 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 8-0 (B).

VI. **Action Items**

A. **New Business**

1. **Personnel**

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Felicia Smith as the Business Manager for the 2025 fiscal year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Felicia Smith as the Business Manager for the 2025 fiscal year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

The Hiring Committee recommends hiring Alec Arana as the music education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Alec Arana as the music education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked about certification; Mr. Begger indicated that none of the applicants were fully certified. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Kevin Kriskovich as the driver’s education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the hiring of Kevin Kriskovich as the driver’s education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. Ken Adams asked about fees and out of district students; Mr. Begger

stated that there is a student fee for driver's ed and we do have out of district students in that program. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Barry Rowilson as the Athletic Director with Administrative Functions for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Begger discussed the duties of this position.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the hiring of Barry Rowilson as the Athletic Director with Administrative Functions for the 2024-2025 school year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. Amanda Dinsdale stated there was not much interest in this position and it is a thankless job; Mr. Begger stated that this position does require certification. Jason Stene asked about the fiscal side of the AD position; Mrs. Hernandez stated that we are under paying what most districts pay their ADs. Kelly Carrington asked about workload and if the separation helps with the amount of time/work; Mr. Begger addressed this question. Public comment: Terra Rockhold Stene provided feedback on the activities program and encouraged the Board to vote no. Kayla Cline asked about review of the coaches and ADs and also about hiring practices; Mr. Begger addressed these questions. Scott Blain asked about student behavior at games; Mr. Begger and Mrs. Hernandez both responded to this question. The motion was carried 7-1, Yea-Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell, Justin Oswald and Karin Williams; Nay-Jason Stene (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of John Counter as the Athletic Director with Gym & Event Supervision Functions for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Begger discussed the team approach to game supervision and discussed the duties of this position.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the hiring of John Counter as the Athletic Director with Gym & Event Supervision Functions for the 2024-2025 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Kaleb Price as the head high school/middle school cross country coach for the 2024 season.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Kaleb Price as the head high school/middle school cross country coach for the 2024 season. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Annie Olson as the head high school volleyball coach for the 2024 season.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the hiring of Annie Olson as the head high school volleyball coach for the 2024 season. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring George Warburton as the head high school football coach for the 2024 season.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of George Warburton as the head high school football coach for the 2024 season. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Kendall Denham as the head high school boys' basketball coach for the 2024-2025 season.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as the head high school boys' basketball coach for the 2024-2025 season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Amber O'Rourke as the head high school/middle school cheer coach for the 2024-2025 fall and winter seasons.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Amber O'Rourke as the head high school/middle school cheer coach for the 2024-2025 fall and winter seasons. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Tamera Grewell as the assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 2024 season.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Tamera Grewell as the assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 2024 season. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried with 6 trustees voting yea: Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Jason Stene and Karin Williams; and Kathy Grewell abstaining (E).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the May Classified Personnel Action Report.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the May Classified Personnel Action Report. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the May Elementary Personnel Action Report.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the May Elementary Personnel Action Report. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Terra Rockhold Stene stated that she does not agree with the way coaches are hired in this manner. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the May High School Personnel Action Report.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the May High School Personnel Action Report. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Kayla Cline asked if the names are in the board packet; both Mr. Begger and Mrs. Smith indicated that they are listed in the board packet (Amanda Dinsdale informed Ms. Cline of the page number in the board packet where the names are listed). The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

2. Non-Resident Enrollment -- Superintendent Begger is recommending that the District approve the list provided in the board packet, excluding students #2 and #13 due to class size restrictions.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the list of non-resident students provided in the board packet, excluding students #2 and #13 due to class size restrictions. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. Amanda Dinsdale stated that it is difficult to not enroll students who want to come to Joliet. Public comment: Scott Blain encouraged the Board to keep the numbers of students low for the benefit of all students, and asked about funding for these students; Mrs. Smith explained the formula that has been set out by the state legislature for tuition. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Bus Driver Handbook – The Transportation Committee met to review the handbook with the drivers. The committee is recommending the approval of the draft copy of the 2024-2025 Bus Driver Handbook.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the draft copy of the 2024-2025 Bus Driver Handbook. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Request for County Elections Office to Administer School Elections – Superintendent Begger and Clerk Smith recommend that the Board approve the resolution requesting the County Elections Office to administer upcoming school elections.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the resolution requesting the County Elections Office to administer upcoming school elections. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. Resolution for Disposal of District Property-2 Buses – Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board approve the resolution of disposal.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the resolution of disposal. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

6. Consideration of MTSUIP Bylaws – MTSUIP is the unemployment insurance provider for the District. Their bylaws have not been updated in some time. The draft provided

in the board packet updates their bylaws. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board approve the MTSUIP bylaws.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the MTSUIP bylaws. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

B. Old 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 1420 — School Board Meeting Procedure – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 19, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 3141, F1, F2 & F3 — Nonresident Student Enrollment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 19, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 1420, 3141, F1, F2 and F3. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

- VII. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Recognition of Trustee Oswald’s Service on the Board; 2024-25 handbook work; Facilities Master Plan; Building Reserve Levy Update; Maintenance Logs; Enrollment Update; Hiring/staffing update; 04/02/2024 Policy Committee Minutes; 04/04/2024 Activities Committee Minutes; 04/04/2024 Negotiations Committee Minutes; 04/16/2024 Policy Committee Minutes; 04/16/2024 Budget Committee Minutes; 04/19/2024 Activities Committee Minutes; 04/26/2024 Transportation Committee Minutes; 04/29/2024 Activities Committee Minutes; 04/30/2024 Policy Committee Minutes; Superintendent’s Schedule.

- VIII. Correspondence** – None.

IX. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:

Fund Transfer Authority
Goal Setting/Strategic Plan/Annual Goals
Review/Update Organizational Chart
Out of District Enrollment

- X. Canvass Votes of 2024 School Election** – The Board was provided with the results of the 2024 school election provided by the Carbon County Elections Office. Kelly Carrington was elected by acclamation as a high school trustee; Kathy Grewell and Kraig Krook were elected as elementary trustees; and both the elementary building reserve levy and the high school building reserve levy passed.

Ken Adams made a motion to accept the results of the high school trustee election by acclamation. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

Ken Adams made a motion to accept the results of the elementary trustee election. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Jason Stene made a motion to accept the results of the elementary building reserve levy election. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. Kathy Grewell expressed appreciation to Superintendent Begger for his work on this election. Mr. Begger expressed appreciation to the community and the Board. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Kelly Carrington made a motion to accept the results of the high school building reserve levy election. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

Next Board Meeting Date

Policy Committee – May 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. – Conference Room

Regular Board Meeting – June 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – Library

Regular Board Meeting – July 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – Library

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)

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved

05/21/2024

Board Chair

Dawn Blain

Clerk

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