

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – June 18, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on June 18, 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, Kraig Krook, Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Tammie Grewell, Terra Rockhold Stene and Nicole Juhnke.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests and asked for public comment. Terra Rockhold Stene offered public comment on Board processes and procedures, the use of committees by the Board, and open meeting laws.

### **III. Reports**

- a. Facilities – Nicole Juhnke reported to the Board on recent work from the facilities and maintenance crew. The summer workers are doing very well. Projects include: elementary countertop refinishing, replacement of old light bulbs with LEDs, and roof repairs. The Board expressed appreciation for all the hard work of Nicole and her staff.
- b. Board Training – Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams and Dawn Blain reported on a recent Board training session provided by Felt Martin. Highlights were: policy information, discrimination, effective school boards, code of conduct, duties of the Board and Superintendent, public participation, ground rules for Board meetings, Boards using a 10,000 foot level approach (the Board is not intended to micromanage District operations). Amanda Dinsdale suggested having Felt Martin provide training specific to our Board.
- c. Testing Results – Mr. Begger gave an overview of the latest MAPs test results.

Jason Stene commented that he would like a report from the Athletic Director.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claims, voided checks, Warrants ACH 99629-99628 & checks 51566-51630; Payroll Warrants ACH 84379-84209 & 64207-64394; Activity voided checks, ACH, transfers, and checks 17353-17396; Minutes: 05/21/2024 regular board meeting, 05/21/2024 special 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).

### **V. Action Items**

#### **A. New Business**

1. Personnel

Superintendent Begger recommended hiring Tammy Taylor as a custodian.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Tammy Taylor as a custodian. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. Board discussion: Jason Stene would like to see more information in the board packet on hires. Karin Williams stated that the hiring committee handles the initial work of reviewing candidates and interviewing; those are open meetings. Ken Adams stated that some hires are based on recommendation from the Superintendent. Mr. Begger offered information on the Human Resources Platform that was adopted previously by the Board, which sets out the hiring process. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).



Superintendent Begger recommended hiring Ashley Nelson as a Summer School (Early Literacy Targeted Intervention) Aide.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Ashely Nelson as a Summer School (Early Literacy Targeted Intervention) Aide. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the June MS/HS Coaches Personnel Action Report.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the June MS/HS Coaches Personnel Action Report. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Terra Rockhold Stene stated that she is concerned about the cross country program and the qualifications of these employees. Dawn Blain stated that the qualifications of all applicants are reviewed carefully before any recommendation for hire is made. Ms. Rockhold Stene then stated that she does not agree with the way coaches are hired in this manner. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Goal Setting // Objectives // Strategic Plan – The Board reviewed and discussed the District’s Strategic Plan, progress towards the goals, and future actions. The Board asked Superintendent Begger to make some changes to the Plan.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to table any action on the Strategic Plan. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no other board discussion. Tammie Grewell commented on good student behavior. She has enjoyed her teaching experience here, and appreciates the administration. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Non-Resident Enrollment -- Superintendent Begger is recommending that the District approve the list provided in the board packet, excluding student #5 due to class size restrictions.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the list of non-resident students provided in the board packet, excluding student #5 due to class size restrictions. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Transfer Authority – In order to ensure the most efficient use of school district resources, transfers of expenditures and surplus balances between funds are usually necessary. Allowable transfers are defined in state law and require local trustee approval.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to authorize the administration to transfer fiscal year 2023-24 surplus balances and expenditures between funds as it deems necessary to ensure the efficient use of school district resources. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. Daycare Approval/Request OPI to Open Fund 70 – The District has been working to promote teacher recruitment and retention through offering an onsite daycare for District personnel. The daycare will operate as a separate function and will not utilize District funding. In order for the daycare to operate, the District must request that OPI open Fund 70 to account for the revenue and expenditures of the daycare.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the operation of the onsite daycare and request OPI to open Fund 70. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

**B. Old Business**

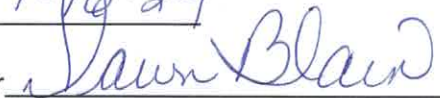
None.

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Fall Open House, August 19<sup>th</sup> 5-7 p.m.; connected personal device/cell phone free campus; appointment of citizens/staff to review district CNA data (Salina Koerper, Dawn Blain, Jason Stene, Stacie Lodermeier, Marilyn Vukonich, Mike McIntyre, Amanda Dinsdale); Review Organizational Chart; 2024-25 handbook work; Facilities Master Plan; Building Reserve Levy Update; Maintenance Logs; Enrollment Update; Hiring/staffing update; 05/08/2024 Hiring Committee Minutes; 05/13/2024 Hiring Committee Minutes; 05/21/2024 Policy Committee Minutes; 05/28/2024 Policy Committee Minutes; Superintendent’s Schedule.
- VII. Correspondence** – Thank you letters and iReady email provided in the packet.
- VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:**  
Handbooks  
Superintendent Quarterly Review  
Montana Educator Performance Appraisal System (Teacher Evaluation Tool)
- IX. Next Board Meeting Date**  
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)
- X. Adjournment**  
Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Approved

7-16-24

Board Chair



Clerk

