

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting – October 15, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on October 15, 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 (6:44 p.m.). 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, Sam Smith, Kaleb Price, Tammie Grewell, Violet Wilailuck, Keith Frank, Kyla Phillips, Emma Horn, Aidn Matthes and Emily Fanus.

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. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

- a. Student Council – updated the Board on the following: homecoming activities; fall sports pep rallies; bake sale for Millie; senior nights; rally lines; fun day planning; winter formal; school spirit and student participation; class representatives and video announcements. The Board asked questions regarding the winter formal.
- b. Transportation Director – Mr. Smith updated the Board on the following: bus sales; bus barn gravel work; driver's ed vehicle; bus requests; feedback on new buses.
- c. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on SOAR assemblies; IAT meetings; Reading Under the Lights; Fire Safety Presentation; Elks Hoop Shoot; Special Education Training; and Testing information.
- d. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on quarter one ending today; 6th grade field trip to Pompey's Pillar; BPA; FFA; Intro to Business/Marketing activities; Econoquest; Senior Night; Red Lodge Career Fair; Gifted & Talented; Honor Band Auditions; Parent/Teacher conferences; Mason's student of the month; Speech & Drama; XC home meet and student council drum line.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99617-99616 & 51814-51906; Payroll Warrants ACH 84231-84158 & 64513-64546; Activity checks 17429-17479; Minutes: 09/17/2024 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).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 7110 — Budget and Program Planning – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7110. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7220 and 7220P — Title I – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7220 and 7220P. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7320 — Purchasing – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7320. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7332 — Advertising in Schools – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7332. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7405 — Procurement Cards – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7405. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7425F — Extra Curricular Funds – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7425F. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7525 — Lease-Purchase Agreement – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7525. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 7625 — Use of Enhanced Tax Credits – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7625. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Remove Policy 7008 — Nonresident Student Attendance Agreement, Tuition and Transportation Costs – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the removal of Policy 7008. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Remove Policy 7329 — Petty Cash – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 8, 2024 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the removal of Policy 7329. Ken Adams seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked about this policy if it was needed in the future. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Personnel – Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Tamera Grewell as the head middle school girls’ basketball coach for the 2024 season.

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

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

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

3. Resolution for Disposal of District Property – Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board approve the resolution of disposal.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the resolution of disposal. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (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 3630 – Cell Phones & Other Electronic Equipment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on September 10, 2024.

Second Reading of Policy 6141 – Employment Restrictions for Administrative Personnel – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on September 10, 2024.

Second Reading of Policy 6110 – Superintendent – Duties and Authority – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on September 10, 2024.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 3630, 6141 and 6110. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: facilities master planning/building reserve levy update/maintenance logs; 09/03/2024 transportation committee minutes; 09/10/2024 hiring committee minutes; 09/10/2024 policy committee minutes; 09/17/2024 building/grounds committee minutes; enrollment update; hiring/staffing update; fall testing data; and superintendent's schedule.

- VII. Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

- VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:
TBD

- IX. Next Board Meeting Date
Board Training – November 18, 2024 6:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2024 6:30 p.m. in the library

- 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. Hernandez, Mr. Richert and Mrs. Smith were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 7:51 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:23 p.m.

- XI. Adjournment
Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Approved 11/19/2024
Board Chair Dawn Blain

Clerk [Signature]