

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 20, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on February 20, 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: Barry Rowilson, Tammie Grewell, Kinley Erickson, Blaise Lodermeier, Jeremy Dewell, Jessie Hogsett 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 – Kinley Erickson updated the Board on winter formal (which had positive feedback), bake sales, district basketball pep assembly, 03/14/24 fun day, possible game night, serving in the community and Ronald McDonald House, graduation cap decorating, 04/10/24 senior day, and the video announcements.
- b. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson updated the Board on the completion of the basketball season; track coaching staff and equipment being purchased; currently 14 athletes signed up for track with a March 13 start date; middle school track has approximately 30-35 athletes (there will be no 6<sup>th</sup> graders at this time due to high numbers); scheduling is complete for MS track; volleyball, football, basketball and cross country is mostly set for next year; the ejection policy is under review; the HS track schedule is on the school calendar.
- c. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on the January SOAR assembly; spelling bee; 100<sup>th</sup> day of school; book fair; iReady training; Valentine's Day activities; teacher evaluations; end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and IATs.
- d. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on Ranch day at the Beartooth Billings Clinic, CNA courses (2 students will graduate in May with their CNA license); Langlas Construction student interaction; Jazz Band festival at MSU-B; FFA competitions; World Quest; MCTM Math competition; IATs; drum club; Heart Mountain field trip; Big Sky regional science bowl; Junior class cornhole tournament; GATE activities; SAT, ACT and NAEP testing.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99640-99639 & checks 51326-51382, voided checks; Payroll Warrants ACH 84676-84600 & 64006-64035; Activity ACH, voided checks, transfers, and checks 17212-17278; Minutes: 01/16/2024 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. Facilities Master Plan – The Joliet Public Schools Comprehensive Master Plan represents over 9 months work of work by the Facilities Design Committee. The finalized document was provided to Trustees for their review.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the JPS Comprehensive Master Plan. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was general board discussion regarding phasing

and the need for bonds to complete the anticipated projects. Justin Oswald voiced concerns about the small tax base. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Elementary Election Resolution -- The District needs to take action to hold an elementary trustee election. There are two open elementary trustee seats. The deadline to file an Oath of Candidacy is March 28, 2024. The elementary building reserve levy is set to expire on June 30, 2024, and the District would like to continue that levy to help with facility maintenance and upcoming projects.

Justin Oswald made a motion to pass a resolution to declare an elementary trustee and elementary building reserve levy mail ballot election. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

3. High School Election Resolution -- The District needs to take action to hold a high school trustee election. The Whitehorse area trustee seat is open. The deadline to file an Oath of Candidacy is March 28, 2024, and candidates must live in the Whitehorse area. The high school building reserve levy is set to expire on June 30, 2024, and the District would like to continue that levy to help with facility maintenance and upcoming projects.

Ken Adams made a motion to pass a resolution to declare a high school trustee and high school building reserve levy mail ballot election. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

4. Personnel

Chad Massar has tendered his resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Chad Massar.

Karin Williams made a motion to accept the resignation of Chad Massar. Kathy Grewell 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 Spring Activity Coaches//Sponsors Personnel Action Report.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the Spring Activity Coaches//Sponsors Personnel Action Report. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

The Hiring Committee recommend the hiring of Amber O'Rourke as the Daycare Director for the 2024-25 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Amber O'Rourke as the Daycare Director for the 2024-25 school year. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There



was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. First Reading of Policy 5223 — Personal Conduct – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on January 16, 2024. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5223. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

6. Joliet Little League Memorandum of Understanding – Stacie and Blaise Lodermeier submitted an MOU for the Trustee’s consideration.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the MOU with the Joliet Little League. Karin Williams seconded the motion. Ken Adams commented that he appreciates the community member input and work on the baseball field. There was 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 3233 – Student Use of Buildings – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Second Reading of Policy 3235 — Video Surveillance – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Second Reading of Policy 3310 — Student Discipline – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Second Reading of Policy 3413 — Student Immunization – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Second Reading of Policy 3510 — School Sponsored Student Activities – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Second Reading of Policy 8301 — District Safety – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 19, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy from the 2023 legislative session.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 3233, 3235, 3310, 3413, 3510 and 8301. Justin Oswald 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 Plan (request for qualifications for an owner’s rep to assist with master planning and pre-bonding work, work with CDA on pre-bonding); Open Enrollment; Kindergarten Roundup; Accreditation Update; Maintenance Logs; 01/16/24 Policy Committee Minutes; 01/16/2024 Budget Committee Minutes; Negotiations; Hiring/Staffing Update; Superintendent’s Schedule.
- VII. **Correspondence** – None.
- VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**
  - Set Permissive Levy Amounts
  - Todd Family Scholarship
  - Board Clerk Evaluation Distributed
  - 2024-25 Academic Calendar
  - Certified Teacher Renewals & Non-Renewals
- IX. **Next Board Meeting Date**  
Regular Board Meeting – March 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- X. **Adjournment**  
Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Approved 03/19/2024  
Board Chair Shawn Blain

Clerk 