

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 14, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on September 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead and Kathy Grewell. Sharon Songstad arrived at 7:05 p.m. Corie Mydland was absent. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent and Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager. Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal arrived at 7:05 p.m. Visitors included Evelyn Fischer, Carol Sherman, Ryan Workman, Larry Schwend, Katie Schwend, John Nelson, Chad Massar and Jess Grewell. Rick Grewell and Noah Grewell arrived at 7:11 p.m. Patty Bergum arrived at 7:27 p.m.

Melvin Stene, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests.

Mr. Stene explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Moved to Item **VII. b. Carol Sherman – Brief Presentation about Writing** – Teacher Carol Sherman talked about how she is incorporating writing into all aspects of her classroom.

Moved to Item **VII. a. Noah Grewell going to National FFA for Choir** – Noah Grewell said the cost of his trip will be about \$900 plus a few additional meals. He will be traveling with other FFA students from the area. Mrs. Evertz said that past practice has been to contribute \$200.00 toward the trip costs and recommended that the district contribute \$200.00 toward his trip.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to follow the recommendation of \$200.00 for the trip. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Moved to Item **VII. C. Code of Conduct during Athletics – Parent Presenter** – Katie Schwend reviewed her letter in the board packet and several concerns she has about the conduct of fans at athletic events. She would like to establish a committee of three to five people to help foster awareness and educate the fans in an effort to make improvements. The general consensus of the board was supportive and someone from the activities committee of board will be on the new committee.

V. Reports

a. Building Update

Supt. Evertz reported that the students are enjoying the additional sand on the playground, the door on the pole barn has been vandalized and may need to be replaced and said an activity log for the maintenance staff has been set up.

VI. Correspondence – There was none.

VII. Old Business

a. Carbon County Arts Guild

Supt. Evertz reported that the students are enjoying the new program and it seems to be a good addition for them.

b. Lunch Tables Ordered

Supt. Evertz reported on the lunch tables have been ordered with a “rush” on the order but there is no date for delivery.

c. Classified Handbook Third Reading

Trustee Whitehead read additional language on bullying he would like included. He will provide a hard copy of the language so it can be added. The third reading was accepted with the additional language.

Motion made by Kathy Grewell to accept third reading of the handbook with the additional wording on bullying. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Paraprofessional Handbook Third Reading

The index page number will be change from 10 to 2.

Motion made by Dawn Blain to accept the third reading of the handbook. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Girls' Basketball Uniforms

Supt. Evertz reviewed the uniform information.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to accept the uniform proposal. Motion seconded by Doug Whitehead. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

a. Noah Grewell going to National FFA for Choir – completed earlier.

b. Carol Sherman – Brief Presentation about Writing – completed earlier.

c. Code of Conduct during Athletics – Parent Presenter – completed earlier.

d. Exterior Facility Plan as Follow-Up to Grounds Walk

Supt. Evertz reviewed the list of goals for the maintenance of the exterior of the school building. Discussion followed on fixing the approach to the parking lot and the possibility that the work may be able to be done for less than the quote.

Student Jess Grewell reported that he has been looking into costs for repairs to the current mascot suit or a new mascot suit as the current one is deteriorating. He will work with Mrs. Vukonich on the problem. He also reported on Student Council activities which include a display for homecoming, weekly themes for the daily announcements and possibly opening up the school shop for coffee, etc.

e. Child Protective Team (CPT) meeting in Red Lodge

Supt. Evertz reported that she attended the meeting and explained what the Child Protective Team does.

f. Date for Board Training and Retreat

Possible dates are a Monday in early November or late October. Mrs. Evertz will try to arrange a training date with Mr. Weldon.

IX. Personnel

Supt. Evertz recommended hiring Linda Hayden as an aide for the third grade as the class size as increased to the point where an aide it needed.

Motion made by Sharon Songstad to hire Linda Hayden as recommended. Motion seconded by Kathy Grewell. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Evertz recommended hiring Kevin Mickle as part time kitchen assistant.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to hire Kevin Mickle as recommended. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Evertz recommended hiring Ruby Sanford as a Title I aide for three hours a day.

Motion made by Dawn Blain to hire Ruby Sanford as recommended. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Superintendent/Principal/Athletic Director/Business Manager Reports

Supt. Evertz discussed the MASS Conference she is attending in Bozeman; the MANDT training in Laurel that several staff members will be attending; plans for Yellowstone Expedition; and information from a book, *The Key Work of School Boards*.

Mrs. Vukonich discussed the recent fundraiser for the family of several Joliet School students and the Patriot Day assembly. She read one of the essays. A Calendar of events was included in her handout.

Ryan Workman reviewed items from the AD Meeting in Billings he attended. There have been discussions about the possibility of the Joliet gym being used during the district tournament in Red Lodge. He reviewed changes to the athletic game schedule, reported that cameras and an i-pad have been purchased for coaches to use and has been updating the website with current pictures.

A break was call at 8:23 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 p.m.

Supt. Evertz explained that the Head HS Football Coach has been placed on administrative leave. She recommends that he continue on administrative leave and that Lenny Brown who has been working as the assistant football coach be elevated to the Head Football Coach. Discussion followed. Motion to hire Lenny Brown as the Interim Head HS Football Coach made by Kathy Grewell. Motion seconded by Justin Oswald. There were no public comments. Motion passed with Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead and Kathy Grewell voting for. Sharon Songstad abstained.

IX. Items for Next Agenda

- a. GATE assessments
- b. Add report from Student Council to agenda
- c. Buildings and playground report
- d. Website updates by the elementary teachers
- e. Hire a Head HS Football Coach
- f. Interior grounds
- g. Retreat Item—Review Mission Statement
- h. Retreat Item -- *The Key Work of School Boards* book.

The next regular board meeting date will be October 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Clerk _____

Chairman _____