

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 11, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Doug Whitehead, Corie Mydland, Kathy Grewell, Sharon Songstad and Dawn Blain. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal. Visitors included Ryan Workman, Cameron Lloyd, Taylor Rowlison, Jessica Todd, and Carri White. Kelly Weidner arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Melvin Stene 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. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council Update – Cameron Lloyd and Taylor Rowlison reported on the Winter Formal and plans for another community dance on February 6.
- b. Athletic Director Update – Ryan Workman reviewed the boys' and girls' basketball games, the 4B players chosen for all district and all conference for football and volleyball and said *shot clocks* are going to be required for *volleyball*. The MHS rule change proposals were reviewed. The track schedule is getting finalized. *Basketball*
- c. Building Update – Mrs. Evertz reviewed the results of the walk-refrigerator inspection; she will wait until spring to firm up plans. She reviewed the current snow removal equipment. Ceiling tiles have been replaced as determined during the trustee walk through. The bus door is still on order. The maintenance log was included in the board packet. Mr. Stene noticed a large amount of ice buildup on the heating unit by the elementary restroom; it will be checked out.

V. Correspondence – Several thank you cards were passed around for trustees to read.

VI. Old Business

- a. Adoption of new MTSBA Policies
Motion made by Dawn Blain to accept the third reading of the policies 1111, 3110, 3121P, 3226, 3310, 3413, 4332, 7525, 8301. Motion seconded by Kathy Grewell. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting in Joliet
The meeting will be February 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Supt. Evertz reviewed plans for the meeting.
- a. Affordable Care Act Spreadsheet
Additional information will be provided for trustees to make decisions on health insurance premiums for next year.

b. Volleyball System

Supt. Evertz reviewed another quote. She recommends the Bison volleyball system. The system will be paid for out of the general fund and perhaps the Booster Club.

Motion made by Sharon Songstad to approve purchase of the Bison system after funding is finalized. Motion seconded by Justin Oswald. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

a. Carri White Brief Presentation – Carri White discussed activities in her Spanish classroom in Spanish. She provided a research paper written by a Spanish II student for the trustees to review.

b. Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan – Supt. Evertz recommended adopting the new agreement for insurance rates for the next three years.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to adopt the agreement. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. MHSA Policy Adoption – Supt. Evertz reviewed. If the proposal passes at the MHSA Annual Meeting and Joliet adopts the policy, it will provide more options for Joliet teams.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to support MHSA Proposal #1. Motion seconded by Corie Mydland. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Superintendent's Renewal/Non-Renewal – Chair Stene explained that the trustees need to vote to re-affirm the second year of Mrs. Evertz's two-year contract. Salary and insurance will be discussed later.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to affirm that Allison Evertz will be the superintendent for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 school year with negotiation on salary and benefits to be later. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The superintendent section of the evaluation will be completed by Mrs. Evertz and sent to each trustee. Evaluation forms need to be returned to Clerk, Sheryl Roberts in a sealed envelope by Friday, January 29, and Chair Stene will compile the results.

e. Resolution for an Election/Mill Levy

Dawn Blain made a motion to call for two Elementary School elections: one election for the purpose of electing two trustees and one election for a mill levy election with the dollar amount to be determined at a later date for normal operation and maintenance of the Elementary School district. The elections will be held on May 3, 2016 and will be mail ballot elections with the Carbon County Elections Office running the elections. Election judges will be appointed at a later date by the Carbon County Elections Office. If it is determined that any portion of the election is not required, Sheryl Roberts, election administrator, may cancel that portion of the election. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dawn Blain made a motion to call for two High School elections: one election for the purpose of electing two trustees and one election for a mill levy election with the dollar amount to be determined at a later date for normal operation and maintenance of the High School district. The elections will be held on May 3, 2016 and will be mail ballot elections with the Carbon County Elections Office running the elections. Election judges will be appointed at a later date by the Carbon County Elections Office. If it is determined that any portion of the election is not required,

Sheryl Roberts, election administrator, may cancel that portion of the election. Motion seconded by Corie Mydland. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel

Motion made by Corie Mydland to hire Kevin Kriskovich as a substitute janitor through June 30, 2016. Motion seconded by Justin Oswald. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Dawn Blain to hire Brandelyn Kirkness as a third grade teacher for the school year that ends June 30, 2016. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Sharon Songstad to hire Megan Bleile as Head Track Coach for the school year that ends June 30, 2016. Motion seconded by Doug Whitehead. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Dawn Blain to accept the resignation of Marisa Roebuck as kitchen helper. Motion seconded by Corie Mydland. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Supt. Evertz will provide trustees with the Emergency Procedure manual after it is printed. She reported that the bus radios need to be upgraded as communication is not always available. The final audit report is available for trustees to review. She also reported on progress of the PIR Flex-out Plan, progress on the Mission Statement Committee, Chapter 5 of the school board guidebook, Smarter Balance testing results and the 4-H recreational lab in April. Ideas for increase security were discussed with the trustees; the general consensus of the trustees was approval of increased security.

Marilyn Vukonich handed out her report and reviewed it. She displayed the Academic Excellence Award for 2014-15 sponsored by NorthWestern Energy. She reviewed the classes available through the Montana Digital Academy. January 19 the Lions Club will host a dessert and the speech and drama students will present their competition programs.

Supt Evertz said the entire elementary will be traveling to Red Lodge for a music presentation on January 22.

Sheryl Roberts provided trustees with material on the Montana Public Employee 457b Plan. If Joliet decides to participate, all employees including teaching staff can contribute.

Chair Melvin Stene moved to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. because in this instance individual privacy outweighs the public's right to know.

The trustees returned to open session at 8:51 p.m. No action taken.

X. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Volleyball Stands

The next board meeting date will be February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 02-08-2016
Chairman Melvin L. Stene

Clerk Sheryl Roberts