

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –February 12, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Dawn Blain, David Schaible, Doug Whitehead, Sharon Songstad, Kathy Grewell and Justin Oswald. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager, Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal, and Darlene Hartman, Elementary Principal. Visitors in attendance were Samantha Anttila, Nikki Bailey, Kevin Carpenter, Ally Carpenter, Cloee Blain, AJ Kananen, Dixie Brookings, Kayleen Torbert, Becky Frank, Keith Frank, Lee Stevenson, Walker Antilla, Rylan Olson, Kallie Zinne and Skylar Foos.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests and explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

a. Student and Faculty Reports

Expedition Yellowstone – AJ Kananen, Keith Frank, Cloee Blain and Ally Carpenter each gave a report of their experiences on the Expedition Yellowstone trip. Parents and faculty expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to go to Yellowstone. The Board expressed appreciation for all the work of faculty and Lee Stevenson put forth.

Student Council –Kallie Zinne and Skylar Foos reported on Student Council activities. The beanie hat fundraiser went well and the hats will be ordered soon. Winter formal brought in about \$300 and it was suggested that an earlier date be looked at for next year. Valentine grams are currently being sold. There will be a pep assembly on February 14th for the girls' and boys' basketball teams prior to the district tournaments.

Athletic Director -- Samantha Anttila commented that Speech and Drama concluded in January. She reviewed the results from the State Speech and Drama meet: Kayla Bertolino placed 11th; Brigham Smith placed 10th; and Raiden Ovitt placed 6th. Middle school basketball has finished. High school basketball tournaments will begin this week. Only two teams from our district will advance to divisionals.

b. Building Report – Supt. Evertz reviewed the monthly maintenance log. The middle school boiler required repairs and is now operating well.

V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence which included thank you notes; a letter from OPI on the budget amendment; a letter regarding IDEA assistance; a letter recognizing our paraprofessional/teacher team as being nominated for the 2018 Region III Team of the Year; two letters regarding teacher negotiations, along with notes; and a thank you letter from the NAAE for allowing Mr. Massar to attend the national convention. A letter was forwarded from attorney Jeff Weldon today to Supt. Evertz; the same letter was sent to trustees by the writer.

VI. Old Business

a. Fiber Installation Update – The fiber installation card/port problem has been resolved and we should be going “live” on February 15, 2018.

- b. Negotiations Update - An unfair labor practice complaint has been filed by the MEA-MFT. The negotiations are at a standstill until this Complaint is resolved by the DOL Board of Personnel Appeals.
- c. Incentive Package - It was decided to table the offer of early retirement incentives until negotiations have reached a conclusion.

VII. New Business

- a. Prom Location – Walker Antilla and Rylan Olson of the junior class requested permission, on behalf of the class to have prom at the Carbon County Fairgrounds.

Justin Oswald made a motion to allow the junior class you have prom at the Carbon County Fairgrounds, pending approval of the Fair Board. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Bus Request for Senior Celebration – The senior parents requested a bus to transport students to Laurel and back for the Senior Celebration.

Dawn Blain made a motion to allow a bus to be utilized for the Senior Celebration. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Equipment Loan for Ski-Joring Event – Nikki Biale requested use of the aluminum bleacher for use at the ski-joring event. The Board decided against providing bleachers for the event.

- d. MOU w/YWCCSSC – Superintendent Evertz discussed the need and history of providing funding to the co-op preschool.

Justin Oswald made a motion to contribute 100% of the costs, minus federal preschool funds to the Cooperative-run, center-based special needs preschool program located in Laurel, MT. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. Variance to Standards Application – A variance is being requested to appease the standards of accreditation for our shared librarian.

Justin Oswald made a motion to grant a variance for the standards of accreditation for the shared librarian. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Softball/Wrestling Co-op – Preliminary discussions are happening in regard to the possibility of a softball and wrestling co-op with Columbus, or possibly Red Lodge and Roberts.

- g. Policy Committee Minutes Approval – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting held January 22, 2018 and approved the same.

- h. Executive Session Minutes Approval – Melvin Stene 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.

Executive Session began at 8:09 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:16 p.m.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Middle School Assistant Track Coaches – Interviews were held for the position and two candidates were recommended to the Board.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Ben Herrington and George Warbuton as Assistance Middle School Track Coaches for the Spring 2018 track season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Superintendent's Evaluation – This business was conducted during the Executive Session listed below.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Allison Evertz reported that winter MAP testing concluded February 1st and went as smoothly as can be expected with our slow bandwidth. She discussed the MHSA annual meeting; gave an E-Rate update; discussed standards based grading for K-2; presented calendar options for the Board to consider, of which, Option B was approved; discussed the Science Fair and possible changes for next year in that program; presented results of the My Voice survey; discussed upcoming requisitions for the upcoming school year needs; relayed that the Masons donated 8 Kindles this year, one for each per K-6 and one will be utilized as a prize; and relayed information relative to school cancellation guidelines.

Marilyn Vukonich handed out her report and reviewed it. The preliminary numbers for middles school track are 56 participants. Sophia Gillespie was chose for the Youth Leadership Council Board for the State of Montana. Sophia was instrumental in coordinating the library pantry in association with the Fight Against Childhood Hunger. The United Steelworkers Union at the Laurel CHS Refinery donated \$1,200 towards this program. Other avenues for individual donations will also be explored.

Darlene Hartman provided her report to the Board and discussed MAP testing, standards-based report cards, and scheduling completion of Year-Long Context Maps. She indicated they are also gearing up for development and proficiency scales.

Felicia Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Retirement incentive packages
Negotiations Update

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting will be held March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library

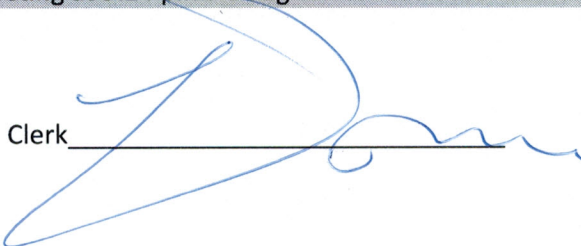
XII. **Executive Session** - Melvin Stene determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 9:04 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:22 p.m.

XIII. **Adjournment**

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 03/12/2018

Clerk 

Chairman 