

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –March 12, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on March 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, Brice Turk, McKendra O'Dore, Dale Limberhand, and Amanda Lewis.

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.

Dave Schaible made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

a. Student and Faculty Reports

Student Council – McKendra O'Dore reported on Student Council activities. Valentine grams did well and the council made \$100.00. There will be a high school mini courses day on March 26th with skiing and bowling.

Athletic Director -- Samantha Anttila commented that basketball is done for the season. Tayler Wright was named to the 4B All Conference First Team. Due to the length of the boys' season, no announcement has been made yet for post season awards. Track practice started March 12th with 41 high school athletes and 56 middle school athletes. Districts, Divisionals and State will all be in Laurel this year for track. Ms. Anttila and Ms. Hernandez attended the MHSA meeting for scheduling. The schedules for football, volleyball and cross country are almost finished. Homecoming week will include home games for football and volleyball and also a home meet for cross country. Senior night will coincide with homecoming due to only having away games in October. The Booster Club will be hosting the spring sports banquet in May. Daktronics has been contacted regarding the malfunctioning scoreboards and they will be running diagnostics to see if repair is possible. Both Ms. Anttila and Ms. Vukonich voiced that they received many compliments about our team and coaches at the state basketball tournaments.

High School Counselor – Brice Turk expounded on his duties which include: testing; communicating with parents; communicating with OPI, and Infinite Campus maintenance; student records; report cards; transcripts; reporting; scholarships; college applications; standards-based grading implementation; working with students; 1 on 1 guidance for students; coordinating speakers to come on campus and give presentations; Title IX duties; making students aware of leadership opportunities; financial aid; class coverage; class scheduling; working with outside agencies; and IEPs.

b. Building Report – Supt. Evertz reviewed the monthly maintenance log. Of note are the new crosswalk signs that are put out on the highway to draw more attention to the crossing. Also, there was a plumbing issue in the elementary school that has been resolved.

V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence which included a notice from OPI stating that, due to budget constraints, only one copy of the School Laws of Montana would be available for

the Board, Superintendent and Clerk to use. The copy will be kept in the Clerk's office. Also included was a letter from the Montana Department of Labor regarding the mediation request of the JTA.

VI. Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed the calendar options for the 2018-2019 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to accept Option B as the school calendar for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

- a. Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement – On March 5, 2018 the JTA and the Board met with a mediator. Both parties agreed to a tentative proposal for the 2017-2018 school year. That proposal was put before the Board for formal ratification and execution.

Justin Oswald made a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Maintenance Equipment Presentation – Dale Limberhand presented the Board with information regarding the need for a replacement for our aging tractor. After review of the information, the Board requested that additional bids be gathered for consideration.
- c. Teacher Evaluation Template – Mrs. Evertz presented the Board with a template that is used in teacher evaluations.
- d. SB 307 Language to Publish – Senate Bill 307 requires the District to provide notice to the public of its intent to increase permissive (non-voted) levies in the ensuing fiscal year. The notice provides estimates of expected increases and/or decreases, and the impact of those on taxpayers. The notice must be published by March 31, 2017. There will be decreases in both the elementary and high school Tuition Funds and increases in the elementary and high school Bus Depreciation Funds, with the totals being net decreases in permissive levies for both districts. The Board chose not to increase the building reserve levy.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the propose language of the SB 307 Notice. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. School Copiers – Ty Anderson from Peterson Quality Office came to the school to review our current copiers and offer new rental possibilities. New copiers are not needed at this time. If the need arises, there will be an effort to stagger the replacement of the three copiers.

VIII. Personnel

Marilyn Vukonich notified the Board of her intention to retire at the end of the 2017-2018 school year effective June 25, 2018. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Vukonich for her 35 years of dedicated service to the students of Joliet Schools.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the retirement of Ms. Vukonich. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Allison Evertz reported after a recent survey by Sheila Lovato, Joliet is a bronze MBI school. Focus groups will meet to go through the results of the climate survey. The superintendent and business manager will provide the board with data to analyze as we prepare for the next round of negotiations with the JTA. Interest-based negotiations was discussed with the Board. The superintendent informed the Board that a grant was being written to initiate PAX into our school which teaches self-regulation, self-control and self-management. Ms. Evertz reported on the AGATE conference recently attended by her, Ms. Oconnor, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Purcell, Mr. Kriskovich, Ms. Bergum-Nafts and Ms. Bennett. The time capsule reveal will be happening April 20, 2018 which will host a reception open to the public. Ms. Evertz will be attending the Montana Association of School Superintendents on March 19th and 20th.

Ms. Evertz reported on club volleyball, youth basketball and youth soccer programs. She recognized the efforts of the volunteers who make these programs possible: Collette Webber, Lance Frank and Russ Evertz. Kindles were again donated by the Masons as prizes for reading. The Board asked the Clerk to send a thank you note to the Masons for their generosity. An Inspire Kindness presentation was made on March 8th by Travis Burdick and Beartooth Humane Alliance. The Science Fair is set for March 22, 2018. A safety meeting will take place March 13, 2018 at 8:00 am with law enforcement. The school is in need of another driver's education vehicle. After consulting financial statements, the facility crew will look at five-star vehicles that would be appropriate. The Board discussed the cheerleading program and its viability.

Marilyn Vukonich handed out her report and reviewed it. The school was well represented at the MCTM math competition. Teachers have been given forms for nominations for Celebration of our Youth. The track schedules for high school and middle school were provided to the Board. There will be a high school team and an FFA team competing in the Envirothon in Lewiston April 22-24, 2018.

Darlene Hartman provided her report to the Board, but due to time constraints, did not go into detail.

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

X. Items for Next Agenda

Policy Committee Meeting

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting will be held April 9, 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 10:06 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 10:08 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 04/09/2018

Clerk _____

Chairman _____

