

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 19, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on September 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, 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, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Tammie Grewell, Aubrey Alexander, Barry Rowilson, Mike McKay, Stacie Nardinger, Bruce Larson, Kinley Erickson, Jenny Alexander, Nick Pancheau and Austin Anderson.

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. Aubrey Alexander introduced the Board to the Dude, Be Nice club and explained what they do.

### **III. Reports**

- a. Student Council – Kinley Erickson reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school activities, homecoming activities (spirit days, assemblies, floats and parade), the clean up the “J” project and video announcements.
- b. Transportation – Mr. Smith was unable to attend, but informed Mr. Begger that he has secured bids for the new buses. There will be a transportation committee meeting set to review the bids.
- c. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson stated that all sports are off to a good start. The crow’s nest addition was completed in time for the fist football game with Josiah Stewart donating the overage costs in materials and labor to keep the bid to the agreed amount.
- d. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet. An implementation call for the new P-Card system will be next week.
- e. Collaborative Design – The architects reviewed discussions from the Building and Grounds Committee meetings. A concrete plan should be ready for the next committee meeting after another review of the current facilities and growth needs. The plan will include near-term and long-term ideas.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99663-99661 & checks 50973-51045; Payroll Warrants ACH 84983-84973 & 63802-63819; Activity voided checks, checks 17013-17030; Minutes: 08/08/2023 special board meeting; personnel action report. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

### **V. Action Items**

#### **A. New Business**

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation for Termination of Employee – M. McKay – Mr. McKay is currently in the probationary period of his contract. The contract states, “IT IS FURTHER MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD that the first ninety (90) days of employment shall be considered a probationary period. During the probationary period, the Board may terminate employment at any time by giving Employee two weeks’ notice.”

Jason Stene made a motion to terminate the employment of M. McKay effective September 29, 2023. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Mr. McKay offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

2. Trustee Appointment – Kelly Carrington and Bruce Larson both submitted letters of interest for the trustee vacancy and were interviewed by the Hiring Committee. The Board was provided with the notes of both interviews and those notes were read by Mr. Begger.

Dawn Blain polled the Board. The votes were as follows: Ken Adams-Kelly Carrington, Jason Stene-Kelly Carrington, Justin Oswald, Bruce Larson, Amanda Dinsdale-Kelly Carrington, Dawn Blain-Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell-Bruce Larson, Karin Williams-Bruce Larson. The voting indicated that Kelly Carrington was selected to fill the trustee vacancy with 4 votes (B).

3. Approval of Bus Routes & Student Crossings – The board of trustee is charged with approval of all bus routes, areas served, miles per day, and any stop that requires a school child to cross a roadway per ARM 10.7.112. The bus routes and crossings were provided in the board packet.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the bus routes and designated student crossings. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

4. Yellowstone-West Carbon County Special Services Cooperative Joint Advisory Board – Per the District's Interlocal Agreement with the YWCCSSC one representative from every district is to serve on the Joint Advisory Board.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve Superintendent Clark Begger to serve as the JPS Joint Advisory Board Member. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

5. Policy

First Reading of Policy 5012 & 5012P – Sexual Harassment of Employees – The Policy Committee reviewed these policies on August 8, 2023. 5012 is an update and 5012P is new to the district and outlines a procedure, both are recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5012 & 5012P. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 1112 – Trustee Resignation – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.



Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1112. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 1113 & 1113P — Trustee Vacancies – The Policy Committee reviewed these updated policies on August 8, 2023. These policies are an update and are recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1113 & 1113P. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2332 — Religion and Religious Activities – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2332. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2450 — Recognition of Native American Cultural Heritage – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2450. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2600 — Work Based Learning Program – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on August 8, 2023. This policy is new and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy. The Policy Committee will examine 2600P & 2600F at the next committee meeting

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2600. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (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 1009FE — Teacher Recruitment and Retention – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 1110 — Taking Office – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 1400 — Board Meetings – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 1700 — Uniform Complaint Procedure – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2132 — Student and Family Privacy Rights – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2140 — Guidance and Counseling – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2158 — Family Engagement – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2167 — Correspondence Courses – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Second Reading of Policy 2168 — Distance Learning – The Policy Committee reviewed this updated policy on July 18, 2023. This policy is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policies 1009FE, 1110, 1400, 1700, 2132, 2140, 2158, 2167, and 2168. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Updated District Annual Goals & Objectives – Strategic Plan; 08/08/2023 Policy Committee Minutes; 08/08/2023 Budget Committee Minutes; 08/10/2023 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Negotiations with the JTA are set for 10/04/2023 & 10/05/2023; Board Training Update.

Mrs. Hernandez provided the Board with information on the following: MS enrollment – 102; HS enrollment 140; Patriot’s Day Assembly; MS/HS IAT meetings; Midterm is 09/22/2023; Career Fair; Montana Builds Field Trip; Cogat Testing; GATE program starting 10/02/2023; US History class going to the Little Big Horn Battlefield; Over 20 high school students are taking college courses; Woods class; Spanish class; Biology class; 6 seniors are doing work study; first round of observations has begun; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade JMG and Health students did a highway cleanup.

Mr. Richert provided the Board with information on the following: SOAR assemblies; IAT meetings; elementary staff observations will begin next week; 3-5 Grade rotations; K1 & 1 have Dude, Be Nice mentors; JFLEX small group instruction; MAPS Testing.

VII. **Correspondence** – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**

Interior Walkthrough

Activities Committee – Review equipment/uniform purchasing procedures

Policy Committee review the Strategic Plan

IX. **Next Board Meeting Date**

Negotiations Committee – October 4 & 5, 2023 from 4-7 p.m.

Policy Committee – October 10, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Activities Committee -- TBD

Regular Board Meeting -- October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Training – November 16, 2023 at 5 p.m.

X. **Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Approved

10/17/2023

Board Chair

Dawn Blain

Clerk

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