

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 10, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead, and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, Elementary/MS Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Jennifer Ingraham, Danielle Sullivan, Patrick Sullivan, Mandi Hernandez, Alyssa Lorentz, Melissa Oswald, Terra Rockhold Stene, Jason Stene, John Finley, Shere Koch, Jeff Koch, Stacie Nardinger, Crissy Webber, Jen Larson and Marriah O'Dell.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment.

Kathy Grewell 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. Athletic Director – Mandi Hernandez reported that the parent meetings for high school sports were held tonight. At this point there are no firm guidelines from MHSAA. Superintendent Evertz commented that with multiple counties involved, changes may be necessary dependent upon where games are played.
- b. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review. Superintendent Evertz highlighted that the roofing contractor discovered some structural issues when beginning the elementary roof project. Patrick Sullivan discussed the complications along with the necessity and cost to resolve the issues.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Out of District Students – The Board reviewed information on out-of-district students who have requested acceptance for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Begger discussed reassigning teachers based on the large number of kindergarten students. The Board approved the 3 additional kindergarten students.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the kindergarten students for the 2020-21 school year with a reassignment of teachers to split the large class. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the out-of-district students, for grades 1 through 12 except students who have not provided the appropriate paperwork. Students #24, 48, 55, and 63 were not approved for the 2020-21 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Reopening Plan – The Task Force convened at 2:00 pm August 5th to finalize the reopening plan. Superintendent Evertz reviewed the plan. Melissa Oswald, Terra Rockhold Stene, Shere Koch and Marriah O'Dell offered public comment. The Board was polled by Mr. Stene to get their opinion on offering extracurricular activities to distance-learning students. It is currently the District's policy to not allow participation unless you are an on-campus student.

VII. New Business

- a. Roof Issues – Upon examination of the multi-purpose room roof, it was discovered that moisture was in the 1-inch fiber board that the old roof was installed over. Mr. Sullivan described the necessary repairs that must take place prior to a new roof being installed. Three options were presented to the Board. The Board chose option 3 which would remove all fiberboard and replace it with 3" ISO boards, add wood blocking at the perimeter, and raise equipment to curb height were needed. This option will bring the building up to code and provide a solid foundation for the new roof. The additional cost will be \$34,272.50.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the additional costs of \$34,272.50 associated with the elementary roof repair. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Interest Based Bargaining Training – The Union President, Stacie Nardinger and Superintendent Evertz met to establish possible IBB training dates. The trainer was told that we could start training September 15th or 22nd, dependent upon individuals' schedules.
- c. Memorandum of Understanding between District and JTA – The Union President met with Superintendent Evertz to discuss and MOU for the coming school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to ratify the MOU effective August 10, 2020. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. COVID-19 Relief Fund Money and Uses – Joliet Elementary is slated to receive \$110,082 and Joliet High School is going to receive \$47,716 in relief funds from the Governor's office. This money can be used to expenses related to COVID-19 response/reopening costs.
- e. Technology Purchases – The District is attempting to reach a one-to-one ratio with devices for students to aide in reopening at a Phase 1. Demand is very high right now, so we will not be able to get additional Chromebooks on campus until October, however, it is possible to spend the COVID-19 Relief money for this purchase of technology.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the purchase of an additions 125 chrome books for \$50,000 utilizing the COVID-19 Relief money from the Governor's office. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Waiver of 20-7-118 – The Governor has waived the requirement that distance learning students live within the district, to allow nonresident students to participate in online instruction effective through June 30, 2021.
- g. Final Budget Adoption – Taxable values were received from the Department of Revenue August 5, 2020. Superintendent Evertz and Business Manager Smith prepared preliminary budget information after those numbers were received. Additional information was received this morning from OPI regarding the Governor's Coronavirus Relief Fund for Transportation expenses. Superintendent Evertz recommended that the Board continue the final budget adoption meeting by extending up to, but not beyond, August 25, 2020 to enable further review of all information to complete the budget.

Justin Oswald made a motion to continue the final budget adoption meeting to August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VIII. Personnel

a. Resignations

Supt. Evertz recommended the Board accept the resignation of Shane Anderson as an assistant high school football coach. He will be continuing in a volunteer capacity.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the resignation of Shane Anderson. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended the Board accept the resignation of Gunnar Nelson as the JV high school boys' basketball coach.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the resignation of Gunnar Nelson. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

b. Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as an assistant high school football coach for the 2020-21 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Kendall Denham as an assistant high school football coach for the 2020-21 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: status of foggers ordered June 3rd; NFHS camera issues; 23" box fans; bus inspections on August 6th; donation of \$500; K-12 Vision Group; extension of Driver's Ed contract; High Performance floors; kitchen equipment; crossing guard; sports practices beginning August 14th; coaches' meetings; receipt of letters of interest for vacant board position.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board an update on: K-5 Class Cohort Consolidation; PAX; Phonics; K-5 class lists and 1st day; Middle School Orientation; Apex Learning for 6-12 distance learners.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Final Budget Adoption

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 09/14/2020

Clerk 

Chairman 