

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 10, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, 6-12 Principal; Theresa Keel, K-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Samuel Smith, Jennifer Ingraham, Kaleb Price, Barry Rowison, Jack Cline, Keith Frank, Adin Matthes, Paul Just, Jeremy Dewell and Stacie Nardinger.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants 99703-99706 & 50201-50338 (voided warrants due to printer error 50230-50274 & 50337); Payroll Warrants ACH 85643-85707 & 63153-63172; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16628-16673; Minutes: 09/12/2022 and 09/21/2022; Hiring: Austin Wayne-K-12 paraprofessional, Angela Douglas-Bus Aide/Kitchen Aide/SpEd Instructional Aide. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council – Paul Just relayed the activities for homecoming week which included dress up days Monday through Friday and floats for the parade following an “iconic tv shows” theme. The Seniors won the float contest. The Council will be doing pep assemblies for volleyball and football, as well as a send off for the state cross country team. The video announcements on Fridays are going well.
- b. BPA – Adin Matthes, Keith Frank and Jack Cline discussed the fundraising efforts of BPA which include a haunted house in the old gym, and the spring carnival. They reported on the Fall Leadership Conference where they learned leadership and team building skills.
- c. High School Principal – Ms. Hernandez updated the Board on high school and middle school academics. Upcoming events include the concert, the BPA Haunted House and Chili Cook-off. Brice Turk will be conducting a FAFSA meeting on October 25th. The Intervention Assistance Team met to discuss current needs. Evaluations are underway and the end of the 2nd quarter is two weeks away.
- d. K-5 Principal – Ms. Keel stated that IAT and 504 meetings have taken place. Dyslexia identified students are in interventions. Ms. Keel updated the Board on elementary academics. The 5th grade Yellowstone trip will be split into two groups because of the numbers permitted by the Park Service. Juniors will be taking the PSAT, and MAPs testing is mostly completed.
- e. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowison indicated that middle school girls’ volleyball season is finished and middle school girls’ basketball started on the 10th. We may need to utilize 8th graders for the high school girls’ basketball program. The Cross Country team will be heading to state on October 21st and they have a good chance at placing at the state meet. Our football team is at the top of the conference. Volleyball will begin tournaments on October 27th. The Joliet cross country meet will be held October 13th. Speech and Drama will not be able to utilize 8th graders per MHSAA.

- f. Business Manager/Clerk – Nothing to report.
- g. Transportation – Mr. Smith stated that there were 27 extra bus trips in September. Mr. Rowilson has been good to work with for the many athletic events that need transportation. The new bus route is working well. Bus repairs and maintenance are ongoing. Drivers and substitutes have stepped in to help things run smoothly during this busy time of year. Student relations are going well. We received a resignation letter from a route driver effective December 31st.

V. **Informational** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Policy and Hiring Committee Minutes; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; School Wellness Process; School Safety and Security Update; and Safe Return to School & Continuity of Services Plan; Facility Logs.

VI. **Action Items**

A. **Unfinished Business**

- 1. Resolution for Budget Amendment – Current enrollment at JPS is 413. Montana School Accreditation Standards require 1 counselor for every 400 students. The District currently only has one counselor on staff. In light of the need to provide necessary resources for student and staff safety and security by offering mental health services, Superintendent Begger is recommending that the Board approve a Proclamation for a Budget Amendment to transfer \$35,000 from Fund 110 to Fund 161 in accordance with 20-9-161(6a) MCA, and Policy 1006FE to provide funds to pay for an additional .5FTE school counselor. The Proclamation was approved by the Board at the September 12, 2022 meeting and was published in the Carbon County News on September 22, 2022.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution for Budget Amendment to transfer \$35,000 from Elementary Transportation Funds to the Elementary Building Reserve Funds to be used for a .5FTE K-8 Counselor for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. Justin Oswald commented on the permissive levy process and asked if there were possible cuts that could be made instead of transferring the funds. The Board had an in depth discussion about the issue. There was no public comment. The motion carried 7-0 (E).

B. **New Business**

- 1. First Reading of Policy 3110—Entrance, Placement & Transfer – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which allows for preliminary enrollment of children of relocated military families. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3110. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

- 2. First Reading of Policy 3120— Compulsory Attendance – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which includes a provision that excuses students from enrollment pursuant to Section 2 of MCA 20-5-103. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3120. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

3. First Reading of Policy 3125 & 3125F — Education of Homeless Children – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which establishes a formal process for dispute resolution, with 3125F being the form to be submitted. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3125 & 3125F. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

VIII. Discussion Items

The Board discussed the exterior grounds walk that was held on September 12, 2022. There was also discussion regarding live streaming of regular Board meetings and possibly changing the day and time of the regular Board meetings.

- VIII. Correspondence** – Correspondence was provided in the board packet.

IX. Items for Next Agenda

Live streaming of regular Board meetings.
Potentially moving regular Board meetings to the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

X. Next Board Meeting Date

Hiring Committee Meeting – October 26, 2022 at 8 am in the Health Room
Strategic Planning – October 26, 2022 at 6 pm in the Library
Policy Committee Meeting – November 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Inside/Outside Grounds Walk – November 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – November 14, 2022 at 6pm in the Library

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Approved 11/14/22
Board Chair Dawn Blain

Clerk [Signature]