

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – June 20, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Stacie Nardinger, Tammie Grewell, Mike McKay, Sam Smith and Scott Blain.

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. Scott Blain stated he appreciated the work that the Board does and offered public comment on potential changes to the District's CTE program.

III. Reports

- a. Transportation – Mr. Smith stated that there were 167 extra curricular trips, which ran fairly smoothly. Student behavior this year has been excellent. Bus repairs should be completed, and only a few issues were experienced during the extremely cold weather. All bus drivers will be returning for the next school year. A quote has been received to install air conditioning on Bus 8 from Pierce RV with an estimated cost of \$15,000. Buses are now being deep cleaned over the summer. Also, the drivers really appreciated the efforts of the district for Bus Driver Appreciation Day.
- b. Facilities – Mr. McKay updated the Board on the following: football field fertilization (coming along nicely); irrigation to the baseball field; goal posts have been moved; football field will need to be remarked; the practice field will need to be repainted; the District purchased a used lift; the curtain for the weight room has been installed; roof leaks are sealed; and he provided an update on the playground asphalt project. Jason Stene asked about the burn pile, and Mike indicated that it will be taken care of when enough of the crew are available to monitor the burn.
- c. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99671-99674 & checks 50794-50862; Payroll Warrants ACH 85113-85039 & 63527-63696; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16951-16980; Minutes: 05/16/2023 regular board meeting and 05/16/2023 special board meeting. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Facilities Master Planning Proposals – The Facilities Committee met on April 17th and reviewed the proposal from A&E Architects, and then on May 16, 2023 they reviewed the proposal from Collaborative Design. Both firms presented their proposals at 4:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023. The Committee is recommending that the board hire Collaborative Design for the project.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Collaborative Design for the facilities master planning project. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

2. Hiring – Superintendent Begger recommend approving the hiring of Issa Sharpe under the Emergency Authorization of Employment as a .5 FTE teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Issa Sharpe under the Emergency Authorization of Employment as a .5 FTE teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Amber O'Rourke as the Head HS/MS Cheer Coach for the 2023-24 season.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Amber O'Rourke as the Head HS/MS Cheer Coach for the 2023-2024 season. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Austin Wayne as an instructional aide/paraeducator for the 2023-24 school year.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Austin Wayne as an instructional aide/paraeducator for the 2023-2024 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Austin Wayne as a bus aide and summer grounds assistant for the summer of 2023.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Austin Wayne as bus aide and summer grounds assistant for the summer of 2023. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Justin Oswald and Doug Whitehead joined the meeting via phone.

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Terra Stene as the Assistant HS/MS Cross Country Coach for the 2023 season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Terra Stene as the Assistant HS/MS Cross Country Coach for the 2023 season. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried with 7 trustees voting yea: Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Doug Whitehead and Karin Williams; and Jason Stene abstaining (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Tamera Grewell as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Tamera Grewell as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried with 7 trustees voting yea: Dawn

Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Jason Stene, Doug Whitehead and Karin Williams; and Kathy Grewell abstaining (B).

Justin Oswald and Doug Whitehead left the meeting.

3. Policy

First Reading of Policy 3551 — Extra/Co-Curricular Student Drug Testing – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on May 16, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3551. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

4. 2023-2024 Handbooks – Handbooks have been reviewed and are included in the board notes with a link to active documents with suggested changes.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the MS/HS Student, K1-5 Student, Bus Driver, Classified Personnel, Coaches, Emergency Procedure and Teacher Handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

5. Transfer Authority -- In order to ensure the most efficient use of school district resources, transfers of expenditures and surplus balances between funds are usually necessary. Allowable transfers are defined in state law and require local trustee approval.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to authorize the administration to transfer fiscal year 2022-23 surplus balances and expenditures between funds as it deems necessary to ensure the efficient use of school district resources. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

6. Multi-District Agreement – The Multidistrict Agreement between the Joliet Elementary District and the Joliet High School District was created in 2014 per MCA 20-3-363 to provide for the joint funding and operation and maintenance of both districts. The Agreement must be renewed every three years.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the multidistrict agreement between the Joliet Elementary School District 7 and the Joliet High School District 7. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

7. Disposal of District Property – Lots 1 through 3 (information included in the packet) have become obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for the District’s needs. A notice will be published in the Carbon County News.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the disposal of Lots 1 through 3. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

B. Unfinished Business

1. Policy

Second Reading of Policy 2050 — Student Instruction – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion. MTSBA has provided a new version of this policy due to legislative changes.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to table the second reading of Policy 2050. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 2170 & 2170P — Digital Academy Classes – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion. MTSBA has provided a new version of this policy due to legislative changes.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to table the second reading of Policy 2170 & 2170P. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 3100 — Early Childhood Education Enrollment Exceptional Circumstances – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion. MTSBA has provided a new version of this policy due to legislative changes.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to table the second reading of Policy 3100 utilizing Option B with conditions 4, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D and 9E present in the community. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 5230 — Prevention of Disease Transmission – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 5230. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 5130 — Staff Health – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 5130. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 1310 — District Policies and Procedures – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 1310. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 2221 — School Emergencies and Closures – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 2221. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 8131 — Indoor Air Quality – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 8131. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 8303 — Facility Cleaning and Maintenance – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 8303 with the exception of Option L in the model policy. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Termination of Temporary Emergency Policies 1900-1912 – MTSBA has provided the District with permanent policies to provide the same safeguards that were initially included in the 1900 policy series. Those policies have been reviewed and voted on by the Board. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board terminate Policies 1900-1912.

Ken Adams made a motion to terminate Policies 1900-1912. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 5122 — Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations
– The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 5122. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

VI. **Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Organizational Chart Update; Insurance Claim Denial; Jares Fence Co. Bid; 05/09/2023 Hiring Committee Minutes; 05/16/2023 Policy Committee Minutes; 05/16/2023 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Facilities Logs; Current Enrollment; and Calendar/Schedule Committee Update.

VII. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.

VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**
Out of District Student Requests
4-Year Old Kindergarten Enrollment
Laurel/Roberts Bus Entry
Open House Plans—August 22, 2023 from 5-7 PM

IX. **Next Board Meeting Date**
Policy Committee Meeting – July 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Budget Committee Meeting – July 18, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – July 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Board Meeting and Budget Adoption – August 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

X. **Adjournment**
Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Approved 7/18/23

Board Chair *Dawn Blain*

Clerk *[Signature]*