

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 9, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on September 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, Corie Mydland, Sharon Songstad and Clinton Kramer. Absent were Melvin Stene and Brad Stephenson. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

Justin Oswald, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Clinton Kramer made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bermes mention some corrections to the coaches section of the minutes. Mrs. Carroll will correct and re-issue. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Justin Oswald explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Reports

Item #1 New Teachers

Mr. Bermes said he brought the new teachers to the meeting to introduce them to the Board and talk about what they are teaching. Allison Evertz, Jessica Arlian, Karen McKay and Melissa Thompson were present. Common core was discussed. The Board thanked them for coming.

Item #2 Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Bermes said the camera wire was put in this weekend. Cameras will be installed another weekend later. He said instead of \$20,000, it's \$21,500 for 8 inside cameras and 5 outside. They are not on the buses yet.

He also talked to Yellowstone Electric and we have to put in a bigger fuse box with off pole plugs at a cost of \$3,300 to bring it up to code for the bus parking lot. There is also gravel to cover the mudhole. There will be 6 buses in line for the cameras.

New Business

Item #1 FFA Chapter Request

Levi Mydland, Brittany Wetstein and Dani Dewell were present to request financial assistance to go to the National FFA Conference for parli pro and horticulture. They said there will be 10 students going plus Mr. Massar and one other chaperone. The cost is \$1,085 per person. So far they have \$885 in donations. They have potential money coming in from other sources. They were first in parli pro in the state. Mr. Bermes said he is very proud of them. Mr. Bermes recommends the Board donating \$300/person and the chaperones, so \$3,600 for a total. They will be gone from October 29 through November 2. Corie Mydland made a motion to donate \$3,600 to the FFA for the Nationals trip. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Student Board Proposal

Allison Ruggles and Drew Kissler are present and are asking to be able to wear headbands again. They said they would need restrictions, no bandanas. The kids say if the headbands have any suspicion of being gang-related, then they are to be removed immediately. Mrs. Vukonich said our current policies say headbands and bandanas are not allowed. She said she encouraged them to come to the Board. Justin Oswald asked if the administration felt they could clearly define if the headbands are gang-affiliated. It was clarified that this is only the student handbook that needs to be changed and approved. Clinton Kramer said he would like to see it written up. Mr. Bermes said the Student Board will write it up and he will help them and

then take it to the October meeting. It was discussed. Noah Grewell is part of the Student Board and will be present to hear and see the Board in action.

Item #3 Senior Projects

Mr. Bermes said there has been on-going concern of the Senior Projects such as liability, transportation, etc. Mrs. Evertz feels it could function without liability issues. Mr. Bermes gave a brief review of what it may entail. Mrs. Evertz had a brief overview she handed out to the Board. This would be done over the course of one year. Seniors would present a paper or video in front of a panel. She suggests this would start the spring of 2014. She said they may still do mentoring, but not as a requirement, which subtracts the liability. She would like to polish things they've done their entire high school career. Ultimately, to look at the bigger picture. Justin Oswald said on the scholarship committee, school involvement and community are what set them apart. Mr. Bermes said grading is the presentation, all the work has already been graded. He said he would like to see resumes, personal narratives and a component on your future. Mrs. Evertz said this can be totally individualized. Dawn Blain said she could see where they would be more confident and have pride in themselves. Mrs. Vukonich said the Board approval is necessary as part of the senior curriculum. Corie Mydland made a motion to accept and allow Mrs. Evertz to change the requirements of the Senior Projects as presented. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #4 Approval of Music Department Request

Mrs. McKay has a request for attending for the music program at Northern Plains in Dickinson, North Dakota, for the audition group. This is only for choir because we already have Honor Band. This offers such as mixed choir and is challenging and is challenging. This is on the 8th and 9th of November. There will be all day rehearsal on Friday, so they would leave Thursday night. Saturday morning they would also rehearse and perform at night for a huge audience. This is an overnight trip and they would do a fundraiser for expenses. Mr. Bermes recommends supporting it. Mrs. McKay said that probably about 10-12 students would be able to go. Tapes are sent to Dickinson.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the music departments request as stated above. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Superintendent's/Principal's/AD's/Business Manager's Reports

Mr. Bermes said Mr. Burke wants to talk about fundraising. He said he has been unclear about the policy on fundraising. The money would go into the boys basketball fund. They would do free throws and each player would be responsible for raising \$150 in pledges per free throw. He said over Christmas is when they shoot the free throws. He's done this same program elsewhere for 7 years. Through Universal Athletics, they get travel gear like sweats, but they are not. He had two example with him for the Board to see. He said everybody looks nice and it give the team feeling a boost. Some of the money would go towards food for the guys. Underarmor is \$75 and so they are only using half of the money collected. This is for them to represent the school and community. He has high expectations of them as well. He's seen it work well at Skyview. Justin Oswald asked the administration if that's okay for dress codes. Mr. Burke said they talked about it at the coaches meeting. Mrs. Vukonich said one thing is with MHSA, if students do it as a team its okay. Or if every parent does it it's okay. Mr. Bermes said he will just need to follow-up with a phone call to MHSA. Mr. Burke said he could ask Barry to have a ton of sandwiches ready or Gatorade. He said being taken care of builds morale. The Board asked questions.

Mrs. Vukonich said PIA or Booster Club can't do it unless it's for everyone. Mr. Bermes recommended allowing it after first checking with MHSA. He said Mr. Burke can give him the design to show at the October Board meetig.

Mr. Bermes reviewed enrollments. He said if trends continue, we could be seeing a declining enrollment by about 10 students each year, which also affects ANB. He said then Class B or C would be something to take a look at.

Mrs. Vukonich reviewed her report briefly and the upcoming activities. She invited the Board to the October 3rd Missoula Repertoire Theatre. She said to be here for the beginning of Homecoming as the Academic Awards will be presented at 7 p.m. Red, white and blue day will be on Wednesday in Honor of 9/11.

Items for the Next Agenda – October 14 , 2013 at 6 PM—Regular Meeting

- Item #1 School Lunch Crew
- Item #2 Mr. Burke's Fundraiser
- Item #3
- Item #4

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on October 14, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved_____

Clerk_____

Chairman_____